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NOW, DGCA ASKS AIRLINES TO KEEP MIDDLE SEATS VACANT

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation on Monday asked airlines to keep middle seats empty to the extent possible

IF SEAT OCCUPIED, PROTECTIVE GEAR MUST

If a flyer has been allotted the middle seat due to high passenger load, then "additional protective equipment like wrap-around gown of the Ministry of Textile-approved standards" must be provided in addition to a three-layered face mask and face shield, the DGCA said. "However, members of the same family may be allowed to sit together," it added

ACTION FOLLOWS SUPREME COURT NUDGE

- The aviation regulator's action follows a nudge from the SC
- While hearing a petition on whether to keep middle seats in flights vacant or not, the Supreme Court had on May 25 said the DGCA can alter the norms in the interest of public health and safety of passengers "rather than of commercial considerations"

50%

AVERAGE PASSENGER LOAD SINCE DOMESTIC FLIGHTS RESUMED ON MAY 25

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In a video conference, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses CM B S Yediyurappa, Governor Vajubhai Vala and others at the 25th Foundation Day celebrations of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

Modi praises Karnataka for fighting Covid better

PM gives push for tele-medicine, warns mobs against attacking docs

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IN a morale booster to healthcare professionals in the state, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday appreciated "the efforts of the Karnataka government in handling the Covid-19 situation".

He condemned attacks on doctors in the past and warned mobs that violence, abuse and rude behaviour against Covid warriors is not acceptable. "Steps have been taken to protect you from any form of violence, and we have provided an insurance cover of Rs 50 lakh for those on the frontline," he said, assuring healthcare workers.

Stressing the importance of technology in overcoming healthcare delivery issues, he said that doctors and other professionals need to discuss and achieve advances in telemedicine and evolve newer models to make it popular on a larger scale.

Virtually addressing the 25th Foundation Day of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, he said that the Arogya Setu mobile app has been downloaded by 12 crore people, which has helped the government in fighting Covid-19.

Modi pointed out that the country has established four pillars of health over the last six years to improve the general health of the population. "The first is preventive healthcare, with yoga, Ayurveda and general fitness. More than 40,000 wellness centres have been opened with the focus on controlling lifestyle-related diseases," he said.

The second pillar is the "success of Swacch Bharath Mission", while the third is better medicare delivery. To improve the medical education infrastructure, postgraduate medical institutes will be set up in every district across the country. "We have established 22 more All-India Institutes of Medical Sciences," Modi said. P5

KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

187 TEST POSITIVE ON MONDAY

1,328 Recoveries so far

52 Total Deaths

3,408 Total Cases as on Monday

MORE UPDATES

- Nonagenarian dies in Bengaluru Urban
- Kalyana Karnataka region's count crosses 1,000 cases
- 7 cops test positive in Shivamogga dist

YOUR NEWSPAPER IS TOTALLY SAFE

Scope, sweep of MSMEs just got bigger

₹50k cr equity infusion for small biz; stressed firms to receive ₹20k cr for unsecured loans

ANURADHA SHUKLA @New Delhi

EXTENDING a lifeline to India's struggling micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), badly hit by the Covid lockdown, the Union Cabinet on Monday approved tweaking the definition of MSMEs to enable more companies to claim the benefits available to small businesses.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by PM Narendra Modi, also approved provisioning of ₹20,000 crore as subordinated debt to provide equity support to stressed MSMEs.

The Cabinet also cleared equity infusion of ₹50,000 crore for small-scale units through a Fund of Funds, which will help MSMEs to be listed and raise funds from the market. According to the new definitions, MSMEs with an investment of ₹1 crore and turnover of ₹5 crore will be classified as micro-units, units with an investment of ₹10 crore and turnover of ₹50 crore as small units, and those with investment of ₹50 crore and turnover of up to ₹250 crore as medium units.

The policy change was already announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman last month as part of Aatmnirbhar Bharat package. While she had proposed definition for medium enterprises as companies with investment of up to ₹20 crore and turnover of ₹100 crore, companies requested that it be enhanced.

"This will help in attracting investments and creating more jobs in the MSME sector," an official statement said.

Union Minister for MSMEs Nitin Gadkari said the sector is very critical for the economy and 60 million MSMEs contribute as much as 29% of the GDP, 48% of total exports, and generate 110 million jobs.

Exporters also welcomed the move, saying the change will help in ease of doing business and attract more investment.

"Excluding exports turnover from total turnover will help in internationalisation of MSMEs and will bring their focus on exports. This will also benefit gems and jewellery companies," said Sharad Kumar Saraf, president, Federation of Indian Export Organisations.

₹250-crore firms now MSMEs

Earlier, MSMEs were defined on the basis of investments put in by the company

Now, turnover will also be considered. (Export revenue will be excluded from total turnover)

MICRO
A business will now be classified as a 'micro' unit if it has investments up to ₹1 crore and turnover of less than ₹5 crore
Earlier, manufacturing units with investment below ₹25 lakh and services firms with investment under ₹10 lakh were considered micro units

SMALL
Investment limit raised from ₹5 crore to ₹10 crore with turnover not exceeding ₹50 crore

MEDIUM
Investment limit raised from ₹20 crore proposed in the Atmanirbhar package to ₹50 crore and turnover from ₹100 crore to ₹250 crore

SERVICES SECTOR
Earlier, the investment limit for services businesses was less than that of manufacturing firms. Now both manufacturing and services will be treated equally

Moody's downgrades India rating

Moody's on Monday downgraded India's sovereign rating to 'Baa3' from 'Baa2'. "While today's action is taken in the context of the coronavirus pandemic, it was not driven by the impact of the pandemic... (it) amplifies vulnerabilities in India's credit profile that were present and building prior to the shock," it said | P10

Factory output falls in May

Despite staggered easing of lockdown curbs, India's manufacturing activity continued to contract in May, a monthly survey showed. The manufacturing Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI), released by IHS Markit, stood at 30.8 in May, which was a shade better than the record contraction in April at 27.4.

MSP UP, NEW LAW TO REPLACE MANDI SYSTEM

On a day the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved raising the Minimum Support Price for kharif crops by at least 50%, Union Minister for Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar on Monday said a new legislation will be introduced to give full freedom to farmers to sell their produce. Expected to dismantle the existing Agriculture Produce Marketing Act Committee, the new law is intended to replicate e-NAM. Though agriculture is a state subject, buying and selling produce is a matter of trade. Producers should be able to sell to anyone who offers maximum price, he said.

RBI leash, low recap stymie govt banks

SUNITHA NATTI @ Hyderabad

BANK credit to MSMEs may take a turn for the worse with five banks remaining under RBI's Prompt Corrective Action (PCA), which prohibits lenders from doing regular banking business, including lending and deposit mobilisation.

Of the 11 banks placed under PCA, five exited the restrictive framework last year, but lending may still be subdued as three of them are undergoing merger, which could slow down credit offtake.

That banks under PCA saw a drastic reduction in business last year was evident from their credit flows. For instance, IDBI Bank, which continues to be under PCA, saw its net advances plunge to ₹1.46 lakh crore in FY19 from ₹1.71 lakh crore in FY18. Similarly, Central Bank of India's lending fell from ₹1.56 lakh crore in FY18 to ₹1.46 lakh crore, while UCO Bank's eroded from ₹1.07 lakh crore to ₹99,314 crore.

The five banks under PCA are Indian Overseas Bank, Central Bank of India, UCO Bank, United Bank of India and IDBI Bank. While LIC took over IDBI Bank, UBI is to be merged with Punjab National Bank. The other three will be independent.

Five banks that exited PCA last year are Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra (both to remain independent), Oriental Bank of Commerce, Allahabad Bank and Corporation Bank, which are undergoing the merger process with other state-run lenders.

Dena Bank ceased to exist as an individual entity, following its merger with Bank of Baroda last April. Analysts say banks need urgent recapitalisation to exit PCA and get back to lending.

EXPRESS READ

LPG, ATF prices hiked following global cues

New Delhi: The price of non-subsidised cooking gas LPG was hiked by Rs 11.5 per cylinder on Monday, on the back of firming up of international oil rates. Meanwhile, the prices of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) were hiked by a steep 56.5 per cent, but petrol and diesel prices continued to remain the same for a record 78th day.

BJP to sound poll bugle in Bihar soon

Patna: The ruling BJP will sound the poll bugle in Bihar the coming week with a 'virtual rally' by Union Home Minister and party's senior leader Amit Shah, who will address the people of the Eastern Indian state through a video conference and Facebook live, senior party leader Sanjay Jaiswal informed here on Monday. P8

Biggest coast-to-coast US protests in 5 decades

Police use tear gas to clear protesters blocking the Interstate 35 near the Austin Police Department headquarters on Sunday in Austin, Texas, during demonstrations against the death of George Floyd, who was pinned at the neck by a Minneapolis police officer on May 25 | AP | P9

In what is being described as the most widespread racial turbulence in the US since the assassination of Martin Luther King in 1968, many cities witnessed protests over the death of African-American George Floyd in police custody.

75 CITIES
Witness protests in six days; curfew imposed in about 40 of them

Trump bunkered
US President Donald Trump was rushed to a White House bunker on Friday night as hundreds gathered outside in protest. Trump spent nearly an hour in the bunker that is meant for emergencies

In Atlanta, Georgia, two police officers sacked for using excessive force on two young college students

4,400 Protesters arrested so far and charged with a range of offences, including looting, blocking motorways and breaking curfew

Looting reported in several cities, including Philadelphia, Santa Monica and elsewhere in California. In New York, thieves raided luxury stores of Chanel, Rolex and Prada

PITTER-PATTER

State may weather the storm, monsoon by June 5

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JUST a few days ago, Amphan hit the east, lashing West Bengal with ferocious rain. Now, Nisarga, an Amphan-like cyclone which has been brewing over the Arabian Sea, is expected to cross Maharashtra and the South Gujarat coast on June 3. While Amphan did not bother Karnataka, Nisarga may have some effect over the State. Wind speeds are expected to reach 65-75 kmph over east-central Arabian Sea and along the Karnataka-south Maharashtra coasts from Tuesday morning. With this, an alert for the states, including Karnataka, has been issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The rains which Bengaluru and the state are experiencing now are because of the cyclone and also are part of the pre-monsoon showers, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

Into this gloomy scenario comes the cheering forecast that the South-West Monsoon will hit the Karnataka coast by June 5. The monsoon arrived in Kerala on Monday, marking the commencement of the four-month-long rainfall season, the IMD said. The country receives 75 per cent of its rainfall from the South-West Monsoon during June to September. It is not only crucial for farming in the country, but also for replenishing the reservoirs, and more importantly to the economy, which is still largely dependent on agriculture.

Geeta Agnihotri, Director in-charge, IMD-Bengaluru, told *The New Indian Express* that the date for the monsoon to hit Kerala was forecast to be June 5, but was later revised to June 1. Now since the conditions are favourable, it will hit the Karnataka coast by June 5.

According to the weatherman, if it rains for five consecutive days and the winds are also favourable, then the onset of monsoon is announced. P5

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• Tuesday 02/06/2020 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana : Uttharayana • Ritu: Greeshma
• Masa: Jyeshta • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Ekadashi 9.45 am
• Nakshatra: Chittha 9.18 pm • Moon in Tula Rashi • Rahukaala: 03:00 am to 04:30 am
• Gulikakala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • Yamaganda: 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 22°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST
Tstorms late. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 5.52 am
Sunset 6.43 pm
Moonrise 3.24 pm
Moonset 2.49 am

City buses to ply from 5 am-9 pm

Extra 4K non-AC buses, 75 AC buses added

A conductor checks the bus pass of a passenger in Bengaluru | VINOD KUMAR T

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

FROM Tuesday, people can travel by BMTC buses within a larger time limit. The corporation has decided to extend its service from 5 am to 9 pm with an expanded fleet of 4,000 non-AC buses and 75 AC buses, senior BMTC officials told *TNIE*.

Post Lockdown 3.0, BMTC has been running about 2,500 buses out of its total fleet of 6,500 only till 7 pm. The extension of the duration of the service is expected to help office-goers.

Air-conditioned buses were kept off the roads till now considering that closed spaces are more vulnerable to Covid-19 spread. However, now AC buses will also be run although in a restricted number and commuters are advised to take all the precautions, including wearing of masks and maintaining social distancing.

BMTC said it will announce more schedules over the next few days. C Shikha, BMTC managing director, told TNIE that routes were modified last week due to night curfew and changes in dynamics. "We will get back to normal as the situation is stabilising now."

While welcoming the decision to extend the service hours, commuters did have certain grouses to air regarding the MyBMTC app. They said it failed to live-track the schedules, which made it difficult for commuters to remain updated on BMTC's bus movements.

"The app is supposed to live-track buses, but it's not working. How do we know whether the bus is coming or not? I had to wait for half-an-hour at Marathahalli to get a bus to Shivajinagar. When a bus was approaching, there was no notification on the app," said, Jacob C Mathew, a commuter.

K Santosh Babu, director (Information & Technology), BMTC, said: "We are uploading a new map for the app. It stopped working a few days ago. Our back-end work is done and the live-tracking feature should start functioning within a week's time."

Flower biz wilts, ₹360-cr loss hits sector

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

COVID-19 has literally nipped flowers in the bud. More than 2,000 floriculturists in Bengaluru Rural have suffered huge losses — estimated to be ₹360 crore — in the past three months.

Summers are bloom time for flower growers. Most weddings and a big-ticket events are scheduled in summer, and floral designs are most sought after during celebrations. However, this year, the coronavirus killed this budding sector.

Farmers revealed that since March, there have been no takers for flowers. Weddings are not taking place because of the 50-guest rule. Many festivals were also low-key, which meant cutting down on floral decorations.

"Flower yield on one acre of land fetches ₹4-5 lakh, against an investment of ₹2 lakh over a month. But with no takers, dejected farmers have been cutting and throwing their crop, while many ran tractors over flowers in full bloom, knowing they will not even get transportation costs for ferrying them to the markets.

Flowers from a greenhouse in Doddaballapur being carried in a truck to be dumped as there is almost no demand for flowers after the Covid outbreak

Srikanth Bolapalli, director, South India Floriculture Association, revealed that more than 1,000 floriculturists have shut shop and are not looking to make a comeback.

"Many have lost big money. Summer time is harvest season, and many pump in big money, often taking loans from banks because the returns are good. But this year, more than 4,000 marriage halls in the city were shut, and not a single wedding was held in the three-month period.

"Star hotels, too, were closed with no activity in banquet halls and lawns. There were no events in the entertainment industry, so flowers bloomed and rotted on farms," said Bolapalli, adding that fast sellers like flowers, roses, chrysanthemums, carnations, and gerberas, grown over 2,500 acres, had no takers.

"Forget profits, even the cost of land tilling and fertilisers could not be recouped," said Manjushree, a grower from Doddaballapur.

South India's Floriculture Association apprised DyCM Ashwath Narayan and Horticulture Minister Narayan Gowda that most famers had lost investment, and the government should at least waive their power bills. "The two ministers readily pledged support to us, but nothing has come our way so far," said Bolapalli.

"The onus is on the government to bail us out. Power bills are high, as a greenhouse needs electricity round the clock," said Manjushree.

HC seeks explanation on transfer of bird reserve

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ACTING on a public interest litigation questioning the transfer of Puttenahalli Lake Bird Conservation Reserve to the BBMP, the Karnataka HC on Monday said the state government needs to justify whether the reserve can be transferred to the civic agency.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice S Vishwajith Shetty said that prima facie it appears that the control of the reserve cannot be handed over to the BBMP.

In fact, under Section 33-B of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, the state government is under obligation to set up a conservation reserve management committee to advise the chief wildlife warden, the bench said. The petition was filed by Yelahanka Puttenahalli Lake and Bird Conservation Trust.

IN THE HC

'Courts will be shut if lawyers don't follow SOP'

Observing that courts will have to be closed if lawyers continue to throng them without appointment, as per SOP, the Karnataka HC on Monday said that lawyers need not come to court, unless there is a case or have to file one physically. This too should be done after taking appointments as per SOP issued by the HC. While hearing the suo motu PIL registered to address technical issues via video conferencing, where Chairman of Karnataka State Bar Council Anil Kumar J M was also present, Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka said, "We are late because I had to rush to Gate No. 5 where a group of advocates had created a scene seeking entry into the court premises and did not want the appointment system", adding that if this is the situation, then the court will have to be closed. **ENS**

REGULARISATION

Govt looking at more ways to legalise properties

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

As the state's most awaited scheme — Akrama Sakrama — has been stayed by the Supreme Court, the government is looking at other ways to regularise properties. A proposal has been made for properties measuring up to 5,000sqft but not for high-rise structures.

Urban Development Department (UDD) officials are working overtime to find another way to legalise properties. "We have been deliberating for a week and have come out with a scheme which is similar to Akrama Sakrama. Here, there will be no need to demolish buildings that violate rules or change the building plan and layout plan," a UDD source told TNIE.

The source said, "We are suggesting that we legalise all illegal constructions in one go, with a penalty. Almost every second building in the city has some irregularity and if regularisation has to be cleared, then nearly 90% buildings will have to be demolished. Hence, it is suggested that a one-time legalisation of properties be done, a penalty amount be collected, and officials be made accountable for the irregularities. A law will be passed that if any more irregularities are reported, the properties will be demolished and officials will be suspended."

"Akrama Sakrama is before the SC and the government is helpless as nothing can be done. So, a new scheme has been proposed to legalise properties and collect money. This is also different from the recently cabinet-approved BDA (Amendment) Ordinance 2020 and the BDA 38(D) Allotment Act. This new proposal is for already standing properties constructed till a set time chosen by the government," the source explained.

Interestingly, the proposal has already created a divide in the UDD. While some suggest that 50% of the irregularities be regularised, some others are demanding it be made 100% as a one-time solution.

FLOOD-PRONE AREAS: MINISTER WARNS OFFICIALS TO STAY ALERT

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REVENUE Minister R Ashok on Monday said he will send daily alerts directly to officials in flood-prone areas in the city to ensure that there is no flooding.

There are 210 flood-prone areas in the city alone, so all civic and disaster management cell officials will have to be on their toes to prevent flooding, the minister said after a meeting with BBMP officials on monsoon and Covid-19 preparedness.

He said, "Meetings with the disaster management cell will be held on a daily basis. Eight teams have been formed and alert messages will be sent directly to each zone to ensure that there is no flooding."

Eight zonal committees have been formed comprising BBMP, BESCOM, police, BWSSB and disaster management officials. "So far, the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre has installed 21 sensors in stormwater drains, which give immediate alerts when the water level rises above 25 per cent. Another 100 will be installed across all SWDs and vulnerable places," he said.

Fire and rescue workers demonstrate their rain disaster equipment during a programme in Bengaluru Monday | EXPRESS

Ashok said it was also decided to create permanent relief camps to house those stranded in floods. "The disaster management cell already has ₹310 crore for flood works alone. So, ₹10-12 crore will be spent to create permanent relief centres.

He also issued a warning to government officials to attend to flood and disaster management works. "Those who do not respond to phone calls, keep their phones switched off and don't work, will be suspended immediately," he said.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

02nd June : This week's sky finds Mars and Saturn, the most serious planets of all, still apparently moving towards their next major encounter. It's all an optical illusion, because the two planets are millions of miles apart, but it is symbolically important all the same, indicating a slight rise in emotional tension but a greater willingness to look to the future rather than the past.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
If the situation arises, do allow yourself to feel sentimental. The Moon's relationship with an emotional part of your solar horoscope may encourage tears, but they could be for joy as much as for sadness. Don't harden your heart - you'll miss out!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Looking ahead over the next few weeks it is clear that your costs are about to rise. Agreed, you may have one or two accounts to settle, but the dominant message points towards indulgence and luxury. But, then, life must be about pleasure as much as pain!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You're entering a professional phase during which personal contacts will be increasingly important. Over the next few days, misunderstandings could mar your relationships, so do make an effort to see that everything is crystal clear, even to people who usually misunderstand the simplest things.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
It's 'all change' in the heavens, with good news and bad over the next eight weeks. On the one hand you'll be attracted towards an increasingly mystical perspective; on the other, you may be vulnerable to vague doubts and suspicions. Try to focus on the facts.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You will soon begin to see dramatic shifts in the planetary alignment, and you may be gripped by a mood of increasing anticipation, perhaps of irritation, possibly of hope. There will undoubtedly be moments when a little self-control will be vital.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The general situation is quite busy, but you're going to have to be on the ball if you want to avoid being ripped-off or walked on. It's all a matter of knowing when to say 'yes', and when to say 'no'. Of course, that's much easier advice to give than to follow!

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The general celestial emphasis is now moving away from those old family issues, so do move to resolve all unanswered mysteries or unresolved complications. You should make sure that relatives appreciate your finer qualities, even though you might be unwilling to compromise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Good communication is still of the essence. It looks as if one plan may run into a spot of opposition, but that if you marshal all your facts you may pluck success from the jaws of disaster. Sometimes, though, it's not that easy to find the right words. That shouldn't stop you trying!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Like everybody else you are going through a few changes. However, in your case money seems to be the crucial factor. The good news now is that you may at last make firm arrangements for future security - and take precautions in case of emotional eruptions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The celestial emphasis swings towards thoughts of future prosperity. You may play your cards right and secure all available options, ensuring that you can then make your choices in your own time. Also, feel free to share your real feelings with loved ones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Your stars swing into gambling mode. Emotional risks are as likely as financial ones, which means that romantic riches may be your reward even if a cash bonus does elude you. Close partners may be in a jumpy mood, by the way, so do your best not to provoke.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Venus and Mars occupy emotional positions that will leave you happy to risk a conflict, but far too sensitive to take the consequences. You may decide you've enough on your plate, certainly too much to get involved in a pointless, personal flap.

THE PHANTOM

O GHOST WHO WALKS!
A GOOD OMEN! YOU BRING US FORTUNE ON THE HUNT!
*IN THE LLONGO TONGUE
THESE ARE MEN OF THE MAIN LLONGO SETTLEMENT, WHERE THEIR QUEEN PRESIDES.
THEY HAVE FINE HUNTING GROUNDS CLOSER TO HOME... WHY ARE THEY HERE?

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

THAT 'COUPLES DISCOUNT' AD I RAN WORKED WONDERS, DEAR!
PEOPLE ARE COMING OUT OF THE WOODWORK, HUH?
THAT'S AN UNDERSTATEMENT
HOW COME YOU CAN'T COOK LIKE THIS?
YUM!
DITTO!
EARL, BEHAVE!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE NOT THE ONLY CHEAPSKATES, SAL

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

9			5			6	2	8
	6				8	9	4	3
		2						1
				3	5			
		5	4		6	2		
			1	7				
1						7		
7	2	4	8				5	
8	5	3			9			4

EASY

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

1	9	7	6	2	3	5	4	8
2	4	6	1	8	5	3	7	9
3	5	8	4	9	7	1	2	6
7	3	4	5	6	8	2	9	1
9	6	5	7	1	2	8	3	4
8	2	1	9	3	4	6	5	7
4	8	3	2	7	6	9	1	5
5	1	2	8	4	9	7	6	3
6	7	9	3	5	1	4	8	2

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ORPEW

LRODL

YMGUPR

SNRHIK

I'll start digging beds around the house.
I'll dig a hole for the tree.
BEFORE INSTALLING THEIR NEW LANDSCAPING, THEY DID SOME ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GEESE ENTRY HERBAL OUTLET
Answer: Anacondas feel at home in tropical South America because they — BELONG THERE

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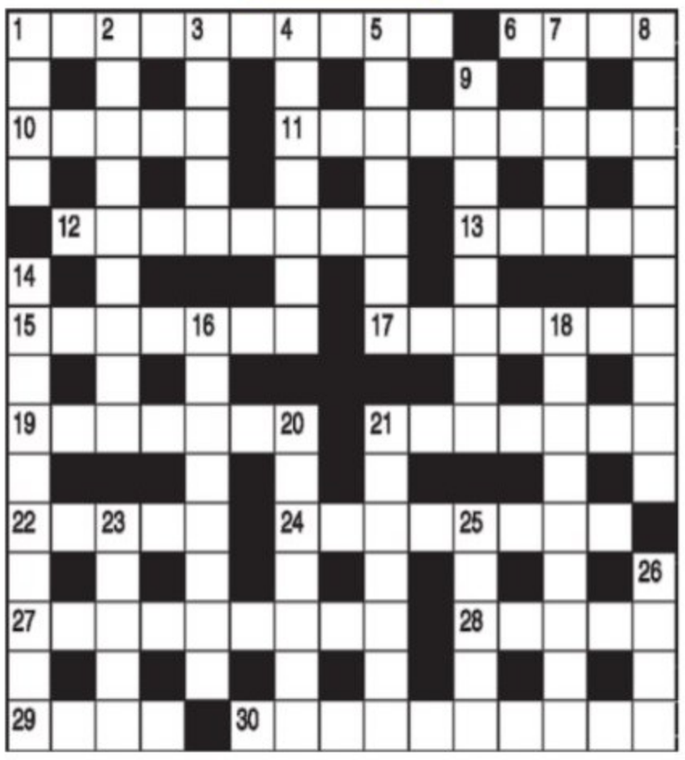
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Extensive property (10)
6 Feathered, they skim the water (4)
10 I held out for foreign capital (5)
11 Promote a murderer and cause uproar (5,4)
12 Paper that's bought to be thrown away (8)
13 Lad that is treated right may become perfect (5)
15 More than one player is in new boots (7)
17 Old woman, maybe a grandma (7)
19 Change gears, points and lubricants (7)
21 Aviation spirit (7)
22 I complain when she returns (5)
24 One is not expected to live on them (4,4)
27 Insulting attack (9)
28 It's said in France to be the same (5)
29 Port area (4)
30 Just now - or just Christmas? (7,3)

DOWN

1 Limits one's ambitions (4)
2 Musketeer's call for a non-share policy? (3,3,3)
3 What he does is appropriate (5)
4 Clergymen curse at changes (7)
5 Put it in log when working (7)
7 Unable to sleep because of an all-night party (5)
8 People having it agree - not to marry? (6,4)
9 He may not like women. Bet Alice can change him (8)
14 Ghastly woman author with blue veins (10)
16 Meetings that have no standing? (8)
18 Very pleased with the lamp indeed (9)
20 At least he's private (7)
21 Effusive oil producers? (7)
23 Bid for a chest without a top (5)
25 Left port with cargo (5)
26 Reproduction is some matter for printers (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Reserve, 5 Regal, 8 Tailoring, 9 Fan, 10 Rare, 12 Smash hit, 14 Drawer, 15 Metric, 17 Sets free, 18 Beta, 21 Rue, 22 Aftermath, 24 Defoe, 25 Legends.

Down: 1 Rotor, 2 Ski, 3 Room, 4 Enigma, 5 Register, 6 Gift horse, 7 Lunatic, 11 Roast beef, 13 Selfsame, 14 Desired, 16 Mental, 19 Ashes, 20 Drag, 23 Ann.

The Karnataka High Court on Monday directed the Banasawadi police to file an investigation report before it into alleged irregularities in the Sri Guru Raghavendra Cooperative Bank in a sealed cover by June 12

CITY HAPPY TO BE UNDER A CLOUD

Dark clouds gather over Bengaluru, with pre-monsoon showers lashing the city for the past few days. Temperatures have dropped noticeably and the cool winds come as a reminder of the Pensioners' Paradise of the seventies | PANDARINATH B

Home, health depts to ensure safe SSLC exams

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THE departments of home, health and education are working in tandem to ensure safe and hassle-free SSLC Board exams, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Monday.

He was chairing a meeting of the three departments, in connection with safeguards regarding the conduct of SSLC exams starting June 25.

"Though the conduct of the exam is the jurisdiction of the education department, the home department is playing a key role in ensuring a safe atmosphere to students. The department's role becomes crucial, especially as the High Court has dismissed a PIL against conducting the exam and directed the government to monitor the precautions taken," he said. Bommai appreciated the efforts of Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar on the conduct of the exam.

"Right from bringing students from border areas, to protecting lockers where the question papers are kept to ensuring hygiene at health kiosks at exam centres, police officers and personnel will be present throughout," he said.

Health Minister B Sriramulu said his department will deploy at least two Asha workers at every exam centre to ensure safety of students. He said measures have been taken to disinfect all exam centres, and that students from containment areas will be provided with N-95 masks.

PU students to write exam from home base

II PU students residing in hostels, and children of migrant labourers who have travelled back to their home towns, can write the English paper scheduled for June 18, at an exam centre near their current place of residence. The government is making all arrangements for this, Minister Suresh Kumar said on Monday.

He said that as many as 16,229 students want to give the exam at their home town, and arrangements are being made to accommodate them in their nearest exam centres. For details, students can contact 080-23083900, the minister said.

CRIME PATROL

Dumped by boyfriend, actress ends life

A TV actress ended her life by consuming poison after her boyfriend allegedly dumped her. The SG Palya police registered an abetment to suicide case against her boyfriend Dinesh and his family members. Chandana VK, a resident of Tavarekere, had acted in a few Kannada TV shows and was also featured in a few commercials. ENS

Factory owner hits woman

Cottonpet police on Saturday arrested a factory owner for assaulting a 42-year-old woman for not coming to work regularly due to the lockdown. Lakshmi N was working in Arun Electricals on Cottonpet Main Road. ENS

Sales manager hangs self

A 31-year-old newly married man hanged himself to death allegedly due to harassment by his wife and mother-in-law. Darshan KP, a resident of Srinivasapura near Kengeri, was a sales manager at a private firm. ENS

Two men murdered in separate incidents

Two men were killed in separate incidents in the city on Sunday. Twenty-six-year-old carpenter, Shoaib, a resident of Bettadahalli, was stabbed to death by some miscreants in Vidyaranyapura. The incident came to light on Monday morning. In another incident, Mani, a cab driver, was stabbed to death with a broken bottle by three of his friends in a drunken brawl in Kengeri. ENS

BSY hails Modi 2.0, hopeful of more funds for Karnataka

Says stringent lockdown curbed Covid spread; lists schemes, packages for State

Governor Vajubhai Vala greets Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa during an event to mark the silver jubilee of the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Health Sciences on Monday. Two special Postal Day covers, sponsored by RGUHS, were released on the occasion. One of the special covers commemorates the contribution of the university towards the fight against Covid-19, while the other marks the 25th Foundation Day of the university | EXPRESS

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

HAILING the many initiatives and achievements of the Narendra Modi government 2.0 as it completes one year, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa deemed the Prime Minister a 'Kayaka Yogi'.

Even as he spelt out various reforms, including the abolition of triple talaq, Citizenship Amendment Act, and abrogation of Article 370, Yediyurappa acknowledged that funds to Karnataka had been reduced, and hoped that the Centre would extend more financial assistance.

"State and central governments, as you know well, are facing a financial problem. I am 100 per cent confident that the Union government will release more money to Karnataka," Yediyurappa responded to a question raised by TNIE over pending dues from the Centre. Giving the Modi wave full credit for the victory of 25 BJP MPs from Karnataka in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, Yediyurappa said even heavyweights like Mallikarjuna Kharge, HD Deve Gowda and KH Muniyappa were washed away.

"Modi's decision has played a decisive role in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic in India. He has competently handled the huge challenge of combating a pandemic in a country with a population of 130 crore. He implemented the most stringent lockdown restrictions in the world to control the spread of Covid-19, and achieved remarkable success. India has been noticed globally for the measures it undertook to fight the virus," Yediyurappa said, as he highlighted the economic stimulus package announced by the Union government as well as relief package announced by his government in Karnataka.

Yediyurappa listed Rs 1,869 crore as flood relief, inauguration of Kalaburagi airport, development of Shivamogga airport, approval and token allocation of Rs 1 crore towards the Bengaluru suburban train project, assistance for national highway development, announcement of Rs 3,085 crore for Belagavi-Dharwad, Mysuru-Kushalnagar, Shikaripura-Ranebennur railway lines, Rs 485 crore for a railway coach factory at Kolar, and assurance of doubling and electrification of all rail routes in Karnataka before 2022, as Modi 2.0 government's contributions to Karnataka.

BJP, Congress slugfest over Vivekananda statue

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AS the State government fights hard to contain the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic, opposition Congress and the ruling BJP are embroiled in a slugfest over the proposed 120-foot statue of Swami Vivekananda near Anekal.

The plan of the Karnataka Housing Board (KHB) to build a statue at Muthyala Maduvu waterfalls in Pearl Valley near Anekal, around 40 km from Bengaluru, has come under criticism from the Congress, which has questioned the timing and the government's priorities as the state is facing a health crisis.

Housing Minister V Somanna, however, dismissed the opposition charges, saying it is not a new project and has been in the pipeline for several years. "It is an old plan and the government or the KHB will not spend a single rupee on it. This will be taken up as part of the KHB layout development plan to develop the place as a tourist attraction," the minister said.

KHB, which comes under the administrative control of the housing department, is developing a layout with 30,000 sites and the proposed project, which is still in the planning stage will be taken up as part of the layout development, he said. "What is wrong in having Swami Vivekananda's statue or developing the place as a tourist attraction? This was planned much before the health crisis hit us," the minister said.

Its detailed project report is yet to be prepared.

KPCC president D K Shivakumar said his party has no objection to the proposed statue, but it is only questioning the timing.

"This is not the time for a statue. Let the government devote all its strength and resources for fighting the pandemic and later you can build the statue," he said adding that his party has a lot of respect for Swami Vivekananda. "The BJP government has a different agenda," he added.

Cong slams Centre on migrant crisis

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THE Opposition Congress on Monday accused the Central government of "failing to properly handle the crisis" posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. Addressing a joint press conference in Bengaluru, senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge and KPCC president-designate D K Shivakumar said the migrant crisis caused due to the pandemic-induced lockdown could have been averted, had the government planned it well.

The Covid-19 cases in India were first reported in January, but the government was busy with US President Donald Trump's visit, Kharge said, adding that the delay in taking measures was one of the reasons for a surge in numbers.

Meanwhile, Shivakumar has yet again postponed the event to formally take over as the party's state unit president. Shivakumar said they had made all the arrangements for the event, but it had to be postponed due to lockdown restrictions. There is a political conspiracy behind not allowing the event on June 7, Shivakumar said.

GROWING MURMURS

No time for dissent in BJP: Yediyurappa

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EVEN as murmurs of dissent grow loud among BJP MLAs, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Monday said he was too busy with the administration to comment on it. As if to waive of reports of growing dissidence from MLAs, Yediyurappa said he was currently focused on containing the spread of Covid-19.

"My job is to ensure the development of the state and containing Covid-19 spread. I am busy with that. I will not break my head over other things. I will not react or comment about other things," Yediyurappa responded to a question over dissenting MLAs huddling in one meeting after another.

'Not met Katti in recent past'

In Mysuru, BJP MLA and former minister S A Ramadas said he did not participate in any separate meeting with party leader Umesh Katti in the recent past. Clarifying that his photos with Katti doing rounds in a section of the media had been taken during a meeting in January.

"I had met Katti in January and also called on Murugesh Nirani at his office for a tea", he said.

Ramadas said he will not quit the party even if he retires from active politics and clarified that he has not been involved in any sort of anti-party activities in the past 30 years.

Terming Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa as a "fatherly figure", he said he has always taken his suggestions and advice.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಕೃಷಿ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ನಿಯಮಿತ
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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560018. ದೂ: 26702024

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮಾ.ಸಂ.ಅ./ಹೈ.ಕ.ನೇ./106/2020–21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01.06.2020

ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಚ್ಛೇದ 371(ಜೆ) ಅಡಿ ಹೈದರಾಬಾದ್– ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ರಾಜ್ಯ ವ್ಯಂದದಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಕಾನೂನು ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಲೆಕ್ಕಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಹಿರಿಯ ಸಹಾಯಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಹೈದರಾಬಾದ್– ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕ ಸೇವೆ (online) ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಟ್ಟು ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರ:

ಹೆಸರು	ಕಾನೂನು ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ	ಲೆಕ್ಕಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು	ಹಿರಿಯ ಸಹಾಯಕರು	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	02	02	03	07

ವರ್ಗವಾರು / ಮೀಸಲಾತಿವಾರು ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ವಿವರ: ಹೈ.ಕ. = ಹೈದರಾಬಾದ್ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪ್ರಾಂತ್ಯದವರಿಗೆ, ಪ.ಜಾ. = ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ, ಪ.ಪಂ. = ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ, ಪ್ರ.ವ. = ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ, ಸಾ = ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ, ಮ = ಮಹಿಳಾ, ಗ್ರಾ = ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ, ಅಂ.ವಿ. = ಅಂಗವಿಕಲರು, ಕ.ಮಾ. = ಕನ್ನಡ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ, ಯೋ.ನಿ. = ಯೋಜನಾ ನಿರಾಶ್ರಿತರು, ಮಾ.ಸೈ. = ಮಾಜಿ ಸೈನಿಕರು, ಇ = ಇತರೆ (ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ), ವೇ.ಶ್ರೇ. = ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ, ನಿ = ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ, ಅ.ವಿ. = ಅಂಗೀಕೃತ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ, ಪ್ರ.ದ. = ಪ್ರಥಮ ದರ್ಜೆ, ಕ.ಸ. = ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಸರಾಸರಿ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.	ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ	ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ / ವರ್ಗಗಳ ವಿವರ	ಮಹಿಳಾ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿ	ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿ	ಮಾಜಿ ಸೈನಿಕ	ಕನ್ನಡ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿ	ಯೋಜನಾ ನಿರಾಶ್ರಿತರು	ಅಂಗ ವಿಕಲರು	ಇತರೆ	ಒಟ್ಟು	ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ
I	ಕಾನೂನು ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ–02 ವೇ.ಶ್ರೇ. ರೂ.24200–52950 +ನಿ ಇತರೆ ಭತ್ಯೆಗಳು	ಪ.ಜಾ.	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1. ಅಂಗೀಕೃತ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯದಿಂದ ಕಾನೂನು ಪದವೀಧರರಾಗಿರಬೇಕು. ಕಾನೂನು ಪದವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಶೇ.50 ಅಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆದಿರಬೇಕು. ವಕೀಲಿ ವೃತ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 03 ವರ್ಷದ ಅನುಭವ ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕು. ಮತ್ತು ಗಣಕಯಂತ್ರದ ಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಪಡೆದಿರಬೇಕು. 2. ಕನ್ನಡವನ್ನು ಓದಲು, ಬರೆಯಲು, ಅರ್ಥೈಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಶಕ್ತರಾಗಿರುವುದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಕನ್ನಡವನ್ನು ನಿರರ್ಗಳವಾಗಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಶಕ್ತರಾಗಿರಬೇಕು.
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		ಒಟ್ಟು	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2	
II	ಲೆಕ್ಕಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು – 02 ವೇ.ಶ್ರೇ. ರೂ.24200 – 52950 +ನಿ ಇತರೆ ಭತ್ಯೆಗಳು	ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1. ಅಂಗೀಕೃತ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯದಿಂದ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ /ಸಹಕಾರ/ಮ್ಯಾನೇಜ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ (Management) ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪದವೀಧರರಾಗಿರಬೇಕು. 2. ಗಣಕಯಂತ್ರದ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶಗಳ ಬಳಕೆಯ ಜ್ಞಾನದೊಂದಿಗೆ "ಟ್ಯಾಲಿ" (Tally) ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನದ ಸರ್ಟಿಫಿಕೇಟ್ ಪ್ರಶಿಕ್ಷಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ತೀರ್ಣರಾಗಿರಬೇಕು. 3. ಕನ್ನಡವನ್ನು ಓದಲು, ಬರೆಯಲು, ಅರ್ಥೈಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಶಕ್ತರಾಗಿರುದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಕನ್ನಡವನ್ನು ನಿರರ್ಗಳವಾಗಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಶಕ್ತರಾಗಿರಬೇಕು.
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III	ಹಿರಿಯ ಸಹಾಯಕರು/ಹಿ.ಸ (ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್)–03 ವೇ.ಶ್ರೇ. ರೂ.16200–40450 +ನಿ ಇತರೆ ಭತ್ಯೆಗಳು	ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	1. ಅಂಗೀಕೃತ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯದಿಂದ ಪದವಿ ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕು. 2. ಕನ್ನಡವನ್ನು ಓದಲು, ಬರೆಯಲು, ಅರ್ಥೈಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಶಕ್ತರಾಗಿರುವುದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಕನ್ನಡವನ್ನು ನಿರರ್ಗಳವಾಗಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಶಕ್ತರಾಗಿರಬೇಕು. 3. ಅಂಗೀಕೃತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ಗಣಕಯಂತ್ರದ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶಗಳ ಬಳಕೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಪಡೆದಿರಬೇಕು.
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(I) ವಯೋಮಿತಿ: ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಹೊಂದಿರಬೇಕಾದ ವಯೋಮಿತಿ (ವರ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)

ವರ್ಗಗಳ ವಿವರ	ಕನಿಷ್ಠ	ಗರಿಷ್ಠ
ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗ	18	35
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ 2ಎ	18	38
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ, ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ, ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–1	18	40
ಮಾಜಿ ಸೈನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಅವರು ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಂಗವಿಕಲರಿಗೆ 10 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ವಯೋಮಿತಿ ಸಡಿಲಿಕೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.		

(II) ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ :

1) ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗ, ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–2ಎ	ರೂ. 1000 + ಅಂಚೆ ಸೇವೆ ಶುಲ್ಕ ರೂ.30/–
2) ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ, ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ–1	ರೂ. 500 + ಅಂಚೆ ಸೇವೆ ಶುಲ್ಕ ರೂ.30/–

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ಸಹಿ/–
ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು

12 days ago, Karnataka had 50 labs for Covid-19 testing. With approval from ICMR, this number has increased to 63. Now, there 38 government labs and 25 private labs across the state.

110 NEW RECOVERIES

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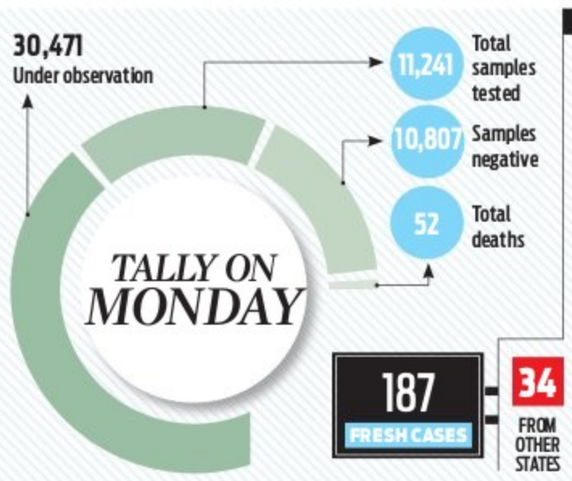

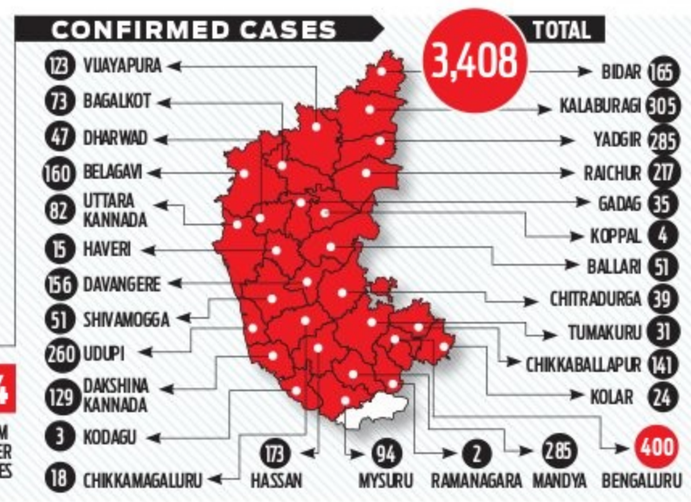

CONTAINMENT ZONES IN B'LURU GO UP BY 10 IN A DAY

Total now 36; New areas to remain sealed till June 27

Ward	Total +ve Cases	Active Cases
Padarayanapura	67	25
Hongasandra	35	1
Beguru	1	0
BTM Layout	1	0
Shivajinagar	57	47
Hongasandra	3	3
Malleswaram	7	4
HBR Layout	1	0
Herohalli	1	0
Mangammanapalya	14	14
Hoodi	3	3
Nagavara	1	0
Jnanabharathi Nagar	1	0
Jagajeevanram Nagar	1	1
Lakkasandra	2	2
Thanisandra	1	1
Agaram	1	1
Puttenahalli	4	4
Marappanapalya	1	1
SK Garden	15	15
Hagaduru	1	1
Varthur	1	1
Ramamurthy Nagar	1	1
Agrahara Dasarahalli	1	1
Marathahalli	1	1
Siddapura	1	1
Hosahalli	1	1
Bommanahalli	1	1
Domlur	1	1
HSR Layout	1	1
Agaram	3	3
Kadugodi	2	2
Chalradipalya	1	1
Chokkasandra	1	1
Jayamahal	1	1
Kempegowda	1	1

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THERE has been a sudden rise in the number of containment zones in Bengaluru in just 24 hours. On Saturday, according to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), there were 26 containment zones, which shot up to 32 on Sunday. But by Monday evening, the number of containment zones had gone up to 36.

The ten new places added to the list included Siddapura, Hosahalli, Bommanahalli, HSR Layout, Agaram, Kadugodi, Chokkasandra, Cholradipalya, Jayamahal and Kempegowda Nagar.

The rise in cases and addition of containment zones has left citizens and officials worried, more so when relaxations under Unlock 1.0 have come into effect.

BBMP Commissioner BH Anil Kumar told *The New Indian Express* that cases are rising because a majority of the new Covid-positive patients are either Maharashtra returnees or their contacts. He said there are chances of people having contracted the virus en route as travellers would have tested negative and produced a certificate to prove it before boarding vehicles.

The commissioner explained that some of the wards are repeated in the containment zone list because more areas in the same ward would have been brought under containment zone.

The BBMP war room bulletin stated that the ten newly-added places will remain active containment zones till June 27. While in the case of areas that were added earlier, relaxations are likely to come into effect as early as June 6, as in the case of HBR Layout. The war room bulletin also noted that containment measures have been extended in wards like SK Garden, Padarayanapura, Hongasandra, Shivajinagar, Malleswaram, Mangamanapalya and Hoodi as positive cases have risen. Till Monday evening, 28 new positive cases were reported in Bengaluru.

REGISTERING ON APP MUST FOR MIGRANTS

Bengaluru: With the state government noting that many migrants are leaving Karnataka without registering on the Seva Sindhu App, BBMP Commissioner BH Anil Kumar on Monday said that no migrant will be allowed to leave until they have registered on the app. He said that all citizen service centres should have a separate migrant helpdesk, with instructions in several languages. A nodal officer should also be appointed to help migrants with the registration process, he said. **ENS**

Shivajinagar containment zone has reported 57 positive cases | **VINOD KUMAR T**

BBMP official +ve after contact with Pasha

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A Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike officer tested positive for coronavirus on Monday after he came in contact with JDS corporator Imran Pasha, said officials. Pasha had tested positive on May 29.

The patient is a KAS officer working as assistant commissioner in the education department, located in BBMP headquarters at Hudson Circle. The office premises has been fully sanitised and visiting hours for the public have been restricted.

BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar said,"The education wing in the second BBMP building has been sealed down. Fumigation and sanitisation measures have been taken. Tracing of the patients' contacts is underway."

The news has caused panic among the hundreds of officials and staffers working at the BBMP headquarters.

Corporator Pasha tested positive in the Padarayanapura containment zone, from where 67 positive cases have been reported in total.

On Thursday, the BBMP and health department conducted swab tests for 50-60 employees, including health staff, health inspectors, ANMs and ASHA workers working in the Padarayanapura area.

Passengers boarding the Yesvantpur-Shimoga Express on Monday in Bengaluru | **SHRIRAM BN**

Reason to cheer! 110 patients discharged in state in one day

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JUST a day after the State saw its highest daily spike in cases, there was some good news — the number of daily discharges in Karnataka touched a high of 110. The number included 35 from Raichur, 18 from Yadgir, 14 from Bidar, four from Chikkamagaluru, 16 from Belagavi, two from Shivamogga, 10 from Dakshina Kannada, six from Bengaluru Urban, one from Koppal, one from Chikkaballapura and three from other states.

Three policemen tested positive — a 43-year-old cop from JJR Nagar police station in Padarayanapura, and two from Chamarajpet police station — a 27-year-old with a travel history to Maharashtra and a 28-year-old whose contact history is being traced.

In all, 187 coronavirus cases were reported on Monday, taking the total number of Covid-19 patients to 3,408 in Karnataka. Bengaluru Urban recorded one death — a 90-year-old man who was admitted on April 24 and shifted to the ICU due to desaturation on May 22. He suffered sepsis along with multiple organ failure, and died on Sunday. This takes the toll to 52.

On Monday, 114 cases were travellers from Maharashtra, and contacts of 45 cases are still being traced. Two travellers from Gujarat tested positive, one from Rajasthan and three from UAE.

Udupi saw a new spike with 73 cases, 33 of whom are patients from Maharashtra. Bengaluru Urban saw the second highest number with 28 new patients, 22 of whom are from Maharashtra, one from Rajasthan, and two whose contacts are being traced.

Kalaburagi saw a jump of 24 cases from Maharashtra. The situation was similar in Hassan with 15 of 16 cases from Maharashtra, and in Mandya, 13 of 15 cases came from the neighbouring state. Shivamogga reported 9 cases, Chikkaballapura four, Ballari three, Bidar, Bagalkote and Dharwad two each, and Vijayapura, Kolar, Haveri and Ramanagara one each.

Four are SARI cases, two are ILI cases, and two are from containment zones.

Yadgir cases almost double that of B'luru

RAMKRISHNA BADSESHI
@Kalaburagi

YADGIR in Kalyan-Karnataka region had not reported a single case till early last month, and by May 17, had only five Covid-19 cases. With a sudden influx of migrants, mostly from Maharashtra, the district now has the highest number of active cases in the State. Almost double that of state capital Bengaluru, with 136 cases.

Since migrants returning from high-prevalence states is the major factor behind the sudden spike in numbers, people in the region are apprehensive about community spread. Except for those coming from Maharashtra, who will be subjected to seven days institutional quarantine, people from other states will be directly sent to home quarantine.

Sources said it has become difficult for the administration to manage a large number of people in institutional quarantine, so they were released even before test reports came in. Enforcement of home quarantine is also difficult, especially in villages.

"Many of those released early from institutional quarantine were later found to be positive. Health officials have to bring them back and admit them in designated hospitals. By the time they are traced and admitted, they would have met many people and exposed them to risk," sources said.

As on Monday, the positive cases in the region went up to 1,087, nearly one-third of the total cases in the State. Over 700 cases in the region are of those returning from Maharashtra. The rate of discharge here is much lower compared to Bengaluru, Mysuru or even Belagavi. The number of discharges as on Monday was 250.

Congress MLA Priyank Kharge said the situation would not have reached such a stage had the government allowed migrants to return to their home towns early.

Social distancing goes for a toss as several commuters queue up to buy bus passes at Majestic Bus Stand in Bengaluru, on Monday | **PANDARINATH B**

Wife raised funds for ambulance driver's rites

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Hubballi

AN ambulance driver's wife in Gadag district had to pledge her mangalsutra to perform the last rites of her husband. The matter has now drawn the attention of Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa who telephoned the driver's wife on Monday and assured her help.

The incident was reported in Konnur village near Naragund on May 27 when Umesh Hadagali, a driver attached to 108 Ambulance died of heart attack while on duty. Family sources said he has been working day and night without getting leave. Moreover, he was not paid salary for over three months.

A helpless Jyoti, Umesh's wife, tried to arrange money but could not as most in the village too were facing a financial crisis.

Jyoti said, "We have been struggling to make ends meet. My husband left for work at 8 am and we got a call from his office about his illness around 9 am on May 27. We took him to Ramadurga hospital, but the hospital authorities asked us to take him to Dharwad. He died on the way. I had no money," she said.

Gadag Deputy Commissioner M G Hiremath said, "I have asked the district health officer to look into the matter."

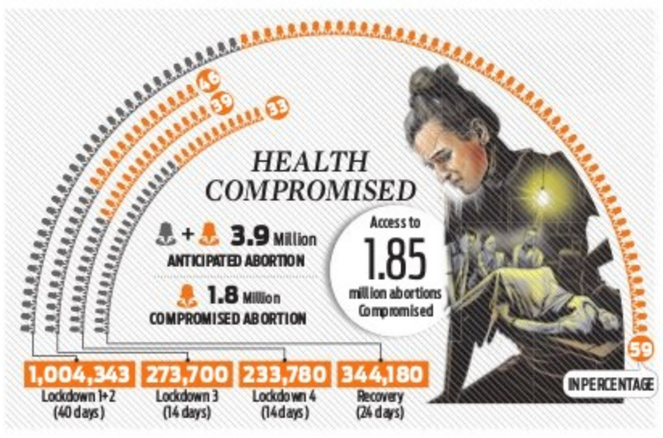
18.5L in India didn't get access to abortion facilities in lockdown

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

A 12-year-old girl from a poor, illiterate tribal family of rural Karnataka, who got pregnant after a sexual assault, had to go back and forth between medical facilities and the court to terminate her pregnancy during the lockdown. She is not alone. In the last three months, at least 18.5 lakh women across the country did not have access to abortion facilities.

A survey conducted in 12 states by Ipas Development Foundation, which collaborates with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) to improve the availability of comprehensive contraceptive care, showed, "As many as 18.5 lakh women had no access to abortion facilities due to which several of them had delayed abortions, some went beyond the gestation period and others were forced to deliver," said Vinoj Manning, Executive Director, IDF.

Agreeing that several cases of forced sex-related abortions had come up during the lockdown, Kushi Kushalappa, Head, Policy and Community Integration, Enfold Proactive Health Trust, said, "In Karnataka, too, there have been instances where minor girls could not terminate their pregnancies because hospitals or doctors refused to do so, despite the duration of the pregnancy being less than 20 weeks. This is in violation of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971, Section 3 and 5."



In some instances, where the pregnancy exceeded 20 weeks, the Karnataka High Court, gave relief during the lockdown.

At a webinar organised by Pratigya Campaign on Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Services During the Pandemic, Richa Salvi of the Family Planning Association of India, who runs safe abortion clinics in several states, said, "We saw 1,200 medical abortions and 360 surgical abortions during the lockdown. We noticed many women could not travel to our clinics, some came weeks after the confirmation and many didn't even reveal they were pregnant because of confidentiality issues."

According to volunteers, minors and caregivers are reluctant to report cases in the current scenario as they are concerned about the minor being taken to public places like police stations and hospitals.

"With trials in sessions courts at a complete standstill, prosecutors were concerned that with indefinite extensions, prosecution witnesses may stop supporting the case during trial and turn hostile," expressed Kushi.

Vivek Malhotra, CEO, Population Health Services India, told *TNIE*, "During the lockdown, there was a shortage of contraceptives, which are usually bought once a month in rural areas and condoms which are weekly purchases. Now there has been a big demand for abortion kits," he said.

COVID WATCH

CONSIDER PLEA ON AID FOR JOURNALISTS: HC TO STATE, CENTRE

Bengaluru: Observing that the role of media professionals cannot be undermined, the Karnataka High Court on Monday directed the central and state governments to consider, within two months, the representation seeking a compensation of Rs 50 lakh for the kin of journalists, in case of death while reporting Covid-related issues. "Journalists, whether working for the print or electronic media, either on the field or in studios/offices, play a significant role. While discharging their duties, they face immense challenges in times such as the current pandemic," a division bench of Chief Justice B V Nagarathna and Justice Suraj Govindaraj said while passing the order. **ENS**

Right stamp, but woman wrongly offloaded from train

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

A lack of awareness of quarantine rules and unwarranted panic led to the authorities making a woman alight from the Bengaluru-Belagavi train, at Tumakuru on Monday.

The woman, Alka Gandhi, had her two children with her. She had returned to Bengaluru from Nagpur, and boarded a train to Belagavi, when railway authorities and police forcibly brought her back to Bengaluru, suspecting her of violating quarantine norms. Later, she was allowed to board another train to Belagavi.

The episode was the result of an alarm raised by a co-passenger in D2 coach of the Bengaluru City-Belagavi Triweekly special launched recently.

Alka (38), a resident of Vinayaka Nagar in Gadag, was travelling with her 9-year-old son and 5-year-old daughter when the co-passenger raised a hue and cry, and high drama ensued, a railway sources said.

Alka told TNIE, "I alighted at KSR Station from Nagpur early Monday morning. I told railway authorities there I had to go to my hometown, Gadag. They put a stamp on my hand and allowed me to travel by the 8 am special train. They also told me I would be quarantined when I reached Gadag. I agreed to undergo quarantine."

The stamp on her hand says 'Transit Passenger'; it means that anyone in transit is permitted to travel to their destination, according to state rules.

However, the TTE deboarded her at Tumakuru at 10.30 am, and the family was handed over to the Government Railway Police (GRP), the source said. "They were later put on a special 'Workmen Special' train and brought from Tumakuru to Yesvantpur," he added.

The woman's relatives rushed to Yesvantpur station and convinced authorities about the genuineness of her case. Finally, they relented and permitted the family to travel.

Top railway officials in Bengaluru claimed they did not know about the issue.

A woman was buried alive by her husband infront of their 7-year-old girl after some heated arguments took place between the couple, at Gotlapalem, Andhra Pradesh on Monday

Heavy rain lashes Kerala as the southwest monsoon sets in, owing to the low pressure formed over the Arabian Sea | TP SOORAJ

Monsoon keeps its word, arrives in Kerala on time

Southwest monsoon drenches state on the normal onset date: IMD

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THE Southwest Monsoon, also called Edavapathi in local parlance, arrived in Kerala exactly on the normal monsoon onset date of June 1, confirmed the India Meteorological Department (IMD). There has been good pre-monsoon rainfall across the state over the past few days and other criteria required to announce the arrival of monsoon are met, said IMD. Vadakara in Kozhikode received the highest rainfall of 15cm in the state on Monday.

The state has been experiencing heavy spells owing to the low pressure formed over the Arabian Sea. The low pressure is likely to intensify into a depression and then into a cyclone called Nisarga by Tuesday which is very likely to move north and expected to reach north Maharashtra and Gujarat coasts by Wednesday. The cyclonic disturbance over the Arabian Sea has set the conditions favourable for the arrival of monsoon.

Rain will gain strength in the state on Tuesday. The IMD sounded an orange alert in Kozhikode and a yellow alert in seven districts -- Kollam, Ernakulam, Idukki, Thrissur, Malappuram, Kannur and Kasaragod.

Fishermen warned

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"AT present it has not entered the State. The present rise in temperatures in Bengaluru and other parts of Karnataka are part of the pre-monsoon period," Geeta said.

The IMD stated that the monsoon has advanced into entire south Arabian Sea and Lakshadweep area, remaining parts of Maldives area, most parts of Kerala and Mahe, and some parts of Tamil Nadu.

It has advised fishermen not to venture into sea as squally weather and wind speed reaching 65 kmph are likely to prevail along and off Karnataka coast. It has also forecast rainfall for the next five days from June 1.

AS NATION FOLLOWS UNLOCK 1.0, ODISHA EXTENDS SHUTDOWN

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AMID the surge in the Covid-19 cases in the state during the last one week, the Odisha government on Monday adopted a cautious approach and announced an extended shutdown in 11 districts.

The guidelines announced by the state government for 'Unlock 1.0' and Lockdown 5.0 to be enforced from June 1 are stricter compared to that issued by the Centre on Saturday. There has also been no relaxation in night curfew which will continue from 7 pm to 5 am, instead of 7pm to 7am.

Chief secretary Asit Tripathy said complete shutdown on Saturdays and Sundays will be enforced in Ganjam, Nayagarh, Bolangir, Kendrapara, Cuttack, Jajpur, Balasore, Bhadrak, Puri, Jagatsinghpur and Khurda districts till June 30. The two-day shutdown will be implemented in the 11 districts in view of spike in cases.

Ignoring social distancing norms, residents gather in front of a shuttered shop in Bhubaneswar on Monday | EXPRESS

JAGAN TO MEET AMIT SHAH TODAY

Vijayawada: Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy will call on Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Minister for Jal Shakti Gajendra Shekhawat, and other ministers during his visit to New Delhi on Tuesday. During the meeting, Jagan is likely to brief about COVID-19 situation in the state and various initiatives of the government to contain the spread of the virus. He would be highlighting how the State is in the forefront when it comes to testing and treatment being provided to the patients. **ENS**

TAMIL NADU

TN TO SCALE UP HOSP BEDS

Chennai: The fresh cases in Tamil Nadu remained high with 1,162 testing positive and 11 deaths being reported on Monday. The government announced its plan of scaling beds at hospitals across the state. Health Minister C Vijayabhaskar said that apart from major hospitals, beds are being scaled up in second and third tier hospitals. **ENS**

TELANGANA

VIRUS NOW SPREADING FAST ACROSS GREATER HYD

Hyderabad: With the lockdown norms getting relaxed and movement of people increasing, those living in Greater Hyderabad are now becoming vulnerable to the virus. Health official Dr G Srinivas Rao said it is essential that people undertake every measure possible to avoid contracting the virus. **ENS**

KERALA

AS CASES SPIKE, KERALA TO KNOCK CENTRE'S DOORS

T'Puram: With the Covid-19 active cases in Kerala crossing the 700-mark, the state government is planning to submit a Covid Package to the Centre that aims to strengthen the state's public health sector further. A draft prepared by the state Covid-19 expert committee is under the perusal of the finance and health departments. **ENS**

Working to eradicate TB by 2025: PM

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"OVER the last five years, we have increased the number of medical seats by 30,000 and postgraduate seats by 15,000. This is by far the largest increase for any government in a five-year term since Independence," Modi claimed. The new National Medical Commission, which has replaced the earlier Medical Council of India through legislation in Parliament, too will go a long way in improving the quality of medical education, bringing it on par with international standards, he said.

On the fourth pillar — "mission mode implementation", he highlighted how the National Nutrition Mission has helped new mothers and youngsters. The Prime Minister said that his government is also working round-the-clock to eliminate tuberculosis by 2025. At the same time, the Mission Indradhanush has increased the rate of annual vaccinations.

On the fight against Covid, he said, "Domestic manufacturers have supplied about 1 crore PPEs to covid warriors, while we have supplied 1.25 crore make in India N95 masks to all states."

Mandarins at VTU: DyCM likely to seek report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Belagavi

DEPUTY CM Dr C N Ashwath Narayan has taken cognizance of a report published in *TNIE* on the violation of KSCR rules in the extension of tenure of several officials of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) posted on deputation. Ashwath Narayan has decided to seek a report from VTU authorities in this regard.

EXPRESS IMPACT

Commenting on the continuation of the terms of several deputed officials beyond five years, Union Minister of State for Railways Suresh Angadi told a section of the media here that he would bring it to the notice of Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa.

AVTU Registrar A S Deshpande however said, the executive council of the university has consented to continue the term of officials who are on deputation.

KSRTC may restrict passengers from Maha

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation has written to the state government seeking approval for interstate travel on June 8, following the same guidelines set by Karnataka with restrictions mainly to buses coming from Maharashtra. The corporation has stated that passengers from Maharashtra will have to be stamped and put on a 7-day institutional quarantine followed by another 7-day home quarantine. Following the free movement guideline issued by the NHAI, other passengers coming from other states will also have to home quarantine themselves for seven days, the corporation suggested.

However, sources said that the state government is still consulting with other states before bringing its own guidelines. KSRTC managing director said, "We will have to look into inter-state travel which is also based on the decisions made and consent given from the receiving states," he told *TNIE*.

On Tuesday onwards, KSRTC will operate intrastate buses from 5am to 9pm.

Trains leave B'luru with 1K passengers

A total of 1,088 passengers left in three trains from Bengaluru on Monday as part of the 200 specials launched across the country. The Bengaluru-Hubballi Janashatabdi Express left at 6am and reached Hubballi at 1.06 pm. The Danapur Sanghamitra Daily Express left KSR at 10 am. Yesvantpur-Shivamogga Janshatabdi departed at 5.30pm.

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F. No.163/ Rate Contract/ 2020-Stores Dated: 29-05-2020

TENDER NOTICE

Rate contract proposals are invited by the Director, DCR, Puttur for entering into Rate Contract with the reputed manufactures/authorized agencies having IT-PAN and GST registration for the supply of Chemicals/Lab consumables/Glass wares/ Plastic wares etc for the laboratory use at this Directorate for the year 2020-2021

Last date for submission of Rate
Contract Proposal : Up to 14.30 hours of 19-06-2020
Scrutiny of the RC proposal : 15.00 hours of 20-06-2020
Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 5,000/- (refundable without interest)

Desirous and eligible agencies for details & submission may visit the Institute website: https://cashew.icar.gov.in

Sd/-
Administrative Officer i/c.

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ / ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ / 3ನೇ ಕರೆ

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DIPR/MNG/MCA/99/20-21 dt.1.6.20

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No. :KPCL/2019-20/EL/WORK_INDENT9810/CALL-6 Date: 01.06.2020

SHORT TERM BID NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement portal only)

Sealed bids are invited in English in duplicate for the work of **"Annual Maintenance of 13 Nos. of C&S make air circuit breakers & 17 Nos. of Schneider make air circuit breakers of different current ratings at Nagjhari Power House for a period of One year"** covering all associated works and components to suit the site conditions, from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works. The details of NIT, brief bid notification as well as tender documents can also be viewed on **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Last date for receipt of completed bids : **10.06.2020 upto 14:00 Hrs**, **EMD : Rs.8,650/-** and Tender Processing Fee (as per e-procurement) shall be paid in the form of e-payments. Date of opening of Part-I (Pre-qualification and Technical Bid) : **11.06.2020 at 15:00 Hrs** and date of opening of Part-II (Price Bid) of the successful qualified bidders will be intimated later. Further details can be had from: Executive Engineer (Generator) Nagjhari, KPCL, Ambikanagar - 581363, Haliyal (Tq.), Karwar(Dt.), Karnataka, Mobile : 9449599106, E-mail : eegennph@gmail.com & eegenkalikpcl@karnataka.gov.in

RAMA DEVI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY
Vidya Vihar, Bhubaneswar-751022

TENDER NOTICE

Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar invites sealed tenders from the manufacturers / authorised distributors or dealers / suppliers / firms with TIN/PAN/GSTIN/IT clearance for supply of equipment (Microvolume spectrophotometer) and consumables (whole transcriptome sequencing and analysis/chemicals, plasticwares, glasswares, miscellaneous items) under "two bid system" for the SERB core grant project (EMR/2016/005234) to the Dept. of Biotechnology. Tender papers with specification of the items for the project can be obtained from Rama Devi Women's University website **www.rdwuniversity.nic.in.** The tender should reach to Dr. Raj Kumar Joshi, Associate Professor, Dept. of Biotechnology, Rama Devi Women's University, Vidya Vihar, Bhoi Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751022 by **20.06.2020** through speed post / registered post / by hand. The authority reserves the right to accept / cancel any tender(s) without any reason thereof.

Sd/- Chairperson, PG Council

NMDC Limited
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10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, MASAB TANK, HYDERABAD – 500 028.
CIN: L13100TS1958GOI001674

e–Tender Notification

Bid Notice No: NMDC-KIRANDUL/SP-III/2020/PKG-VII Date: 02.06.2020
MSTC Ref. No: NMDC/HO/11/20-21/ET/143 Estimated Cost: ₹64.07 Crores

TATA CONSULTING ENGINEERS LIMITED on behalf of NMDC Limited (Employer) invites e-bids in three bid system from Domestic bidders for **"Miscellaneous Civil works for SP-III, Kirandul, Pkg No-VII"** on item rate basis. The detailed NIT and tender document including eligibility requirements can be viewed and/or downloaded from NMDC's website **http://www.nmdc.co.in**, CPP Portal's website **http://www.eprocure.gov.in** and NMDC's e-tendering website: **http://www.mstcecommerce.com** from **02.06.2020 to 30.06.2020.**

The e-bids shall be uploaded on NMDC's e-tendering website **http://mstcecommerce.co.in/eprochome/nmdc/buyer_login.jsp**

Completion Time: Twenty-Four (24) months. **EMD amount:** ₹50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs only)

The last date for submission of tender is on **30.06.2020 up to 15:00 hrs** and the tenders will be opened at 15:30 hrs on the same day.

For accessing the Bid document from NMDC website, the bidder has to register as 'New User' in Bid section at NMDC's website link **http://www.nmdc.co.in/nmdctender/Default.aspx.**

For accessing the bid document from Central Public Procurement portal **www.eprocure.gov.in**, the bidders have to click on "Latest Active Tenders".

For accessing the bid document from MSTC, bidders to click website link - **http://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/nmdc/buyer_login.jsp** and view/download the Tender documents. MSTC Ref. No. - NMDC/HO/11/20-21/ET/143.

The bidders on regular basis are required to visit the NMDC's website, NMDC's e-tendering website/CPP Portal/MSTC Portal for corrigendum/clarifications/time extension/amendments, if any, at a future date.

For and on behalf of NMDC Ltd.
Project Manager,
TATA CONSULTING ENGINEERS LIMITED

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR WORKS

Sl.No.	Tender Ref./Description of works
1.	**UNIT : CTO/CIVIL:12/2020-21** : Establishment of facilities for Innovation Incubation Centre (IIC) including internal electrification at CARD Complex of Neyveli. **EMD :** ₹5,82,000/-
2.	**UNIT : MINE-II : CGM/T/MII/NAMC/CON/EX-PTE/C011/20-21** : Periodical Maintenance of head pulley wipers, hopper belts and spillage wipers in conveyors and trippers of Mine-II and periodical changing of pressure roller, impact roller and straight pressure roller in 2400 mm conveyor system and reconditioning of standard frames and replacement of stringer channels and stress frames in conveyors of Mine-II. **EMD :** ₹1,16,000/-
3.	**CGM/T/MII/NASH/SMD/PTE/C014/2020-21** : SMD-North-Non AMC-Short Term-Improvements and face lifting to A.O Building and other adjoining buildings in Mine-II. **EMD :** ₹1,08,000/-
4.	**CGM/T/MII/NA/PORDN/PTE/C013/20-21** : LBS-Non AMC-Non Short Term - Providing assistance in the operation of BWE L&T–IV & MTC-10 during the year 2020-21. **EMD :** ₹95,000/-
5.	**UNIT : MINE-IA : CGM/T/MIA/BMC/PRD/PTE/A012/20-21** : Providing assistance in operation and maintenance of Lignite Bunker and distribution system in Mine-IA - 2020-22. **EMD :** ₹8,88,000/-
6.	**UNIT : MINE-I : MI/NASH/SMD/PTE/B013/20-21** : Supply, installation and commissioning of drip irrigation system at old NS 6 plantation area in Mine-I – Phase-I. **EMD :** ₹65,000/-
7.	**CORPORATE OFFICE/COMPUTER SERVICES : CGM/CS/CO/20201/BMC(2020-22) PCs and Peripherals/2020 dt. 01.06.2020** (e-Tender) : Biennial Maintenance Contract (2020-22) for the maintenance of PCs, Servers, Workstation and Peripherals in NLC India Ltd., Neyveli. **EMD :** ₹95,000/-

Cost of Tender Document } Sl.No.: 1 to 6 : ₹ 2000/- (each); Sl.No.: 7 : ₹ 5000/-
Period of Completion } Sl.No.1 : 240 days from the date of handing over of site
Pre-Bid Meeting : Sl.No.7 : On 17.06.2020 at 11.00 Hrs. at Corporate Computer Services, Corporate Office, NLC India Limited, Neyveli.

S.No.	Last date for sale	Last date for receipt	Date & time of opening
1	09.06.2020 to 08.07.2020	09.07.2020 Up to 14.30 Hrs.	09.07.2020 At 15.00 Hrs.
2	11.06.2020 Up to 15.00 Hrs.	12.06.2020 Up to 15.00 Hrs.	12.06.2020 At 15.30 Hrs.
3 & 4	19.06.2020 Up to 15.00 Hrs.	20.06.2020 Up to 15.00 Hrs.	20.06.2020 At 15.30 Hrs.
5	18.06.2020 Up to 15.00 Hrs.	19.06.2020 Up to 15.00 Hrs.	19.06.2020 At 15.30 Hrs.
6	22.06.2020 Up to 15.00 Hrs.	23.06.2020 Up to 15.00 Hrs.	23.06.2020 At 15.30 Hrs.
7	04.07.2020 Upto 16.00 Hrs.	06.07.2020 Upto 14.30 Hrs.	06.07.2020 At 15.00 Hrs.

FOR e-TENDER DOCUMENTS/DETAILS/CORRIGENDUM VISIT : www.nlcindia.com
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MISSING

Sri.Sabu, age 52 S/O, Prabhakaran, Anandhu Nivas, Pattanakkad Panchayathu, Pattanakkad.P.O., Alappuzha district was missing from 15.06.2019 and he is not returned so far, Hence any information about him please inform the nearest Police Station or below mentioned phone numbers.

Description

Height:-167 Cm, Complexion:Fair, Body Shape:Lean, Wearing dress : Saffron colour Dothi, White Shirt with blue stripes.

1. Sub Inspector of Police, Pattanakkad PS - **9497980286**
2. Dy SP Cherthala - **9497990042**
3. District Police Chief, Alappuzha - **94979 96982**

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MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL ACADEMY FOR SKILLS (MANAS)
Maulana Azad Campus, Chelmsford Road,
Opposite New Delhi Railway Station, New Delhi-110055

MANAS invites proposals for empanelment of Programme Implementing Agencies (PIAs) for **'Hunar Haat'** under USTTAD scheme of Ministry of Minority Affairs, GOI. The proposal should reach "Director", MANAS, Maulana Azad Campus, Chelmsford Road, New Delhi-110055, latest by 1700 Hours on 18th August, 2020. The Request for Proposal (RFP) Document can be downloaded from **www.manassd.ind.in**

Sd/-
Director, MANAS

Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department

Office of The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Chickballapur Division, Chickballapur. Ph: 08156-270058
E-mail ID: **eerdwsd.ckbr@gmail.com**

No: 06/2020-21 Date: 21.05.2020

E-Procurement Short-term Tender Notificaion No.06/2020-21

On On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Chickballapur, Invites e-Tender from NGOs/ VOs/SHGs(ISA) to the District. The eligible bidders are required to submit the bid in Two cover system through e-procurement mode through portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Name of the Work: Selection and Empanelment of Implementation Support Agencies (ISA) (NGOs/Vos/SHGs) for providing services on preparation and implementation of village action plan and implementation of IEC & HRD activities under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in rural areas under Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department for the FY-2020-21. Tender to be published : **22.05.2020.** Downloading of document through e-portal: **22.05.2020 5.00 p.m. onwards.** Last Date & Time to upload the BID : **06.06.2020, 5.30 p.m.** Common Pre-bid meeting : **30.05.2020 at 11.00 a.m. Venue :** Meeting Hall, Office of the Chief Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, 1st Floor, KHB Complex, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru-560 090. (OR) Via Video Conference whose credentials will be shared if any interested organisation mails a request to wsso.kar14@gmail.com Time and Date of opening of Technical Bid : **08.06.2020 at 11.00 a.m.** Date of Opening of Financial Bid : **20.06.2020.**

More details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned and also through **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by clicking **List of Tenders** which will link to all Dept. Works list.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RDW&S Division, Chickballapur,

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ/ಆರ್.ಐ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ36/ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಎ/2020–21

EDITORIAL

"You can never predict the future. We know why now, of course: chaos theory" — Arthur C Clarke

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— Ramnath Goenka

THE AMERICAN DREAM NOW CHOKES WITH ANGER

The American dream, a piece of modern mythology no presidential speech has ever failed to invoke, seems hollow as never before. Already brought to its knees like a Third World country by Covid-19, the said dream now chokes with anger across cities—from Minneapolis, its epicentre, up near the Great Lakes, to Miami down the coast. Both pandemic and social unrest spread like fire, wilting away the shiny slogans of the world's most powerful democracy, exposing the warts that lay underneath.

The ex-monitor of the world, already eager to recuse itself from the onerous part of that job, now looks as if it itself needs monitoring. A global commission on Social Freedoms and Humane Laws in America may be in order. So starkly outside the arc of justice and compassion do the racial minorities and the less privileged (often the same) seem to be—read that in terms of healthcare or law enforcement. Consider the dark analogy between African-American George Floyd dying under the weight of the leg muscles of a white cop, pleading for air to breathe, and innumerable patients on ventilators doing the same. Covid-19 deaths surpassed 1,00,000, a terrible milestone, around the same time as that grim marker of white supremacist politics was recorded in Minnesota. Both also bookended the disparate value American lives have, depending on race, age or class. We were even served the spectacle of the sitting US President Donald Trump actually tweeting a phrase with a racially charged history—"when the looting starts, the shooting starts"—and being upbraided by Twitter Inc for foretelling violence! Washington DC saw some of the worst—a church burnt, journalists attacked and handcuffed, one of them blinded with rubber bullets.

That American society and polity held a deep racial bias was always known, but what we now see is America, stalked by disease and a tinpot presidency, joining the rest of our 21st century dystopias.

PPE COVER FOR ALL FRONT-LINE WORKERS

On April 28, the Odisha government made quite a spectacle of its Covid-19 preparations on how no stone was left unturned to get the state armoured to fight the pandemic. How Odisha was the first state to make early moves, tapping both national and international markets for personal protective equipment (PPE) procurement. The state government claimed to have ordered more than 15 lakh PPEs and crores of masks and gloves since March. It even said it had ensured that every health worker, along with each ASHA, anganwadi and self-help group member—those on the front lines—wear PPEs while dealing with patients and suspects.

The grandstanding, however, seems to have not aged well as along with an expected surge in case load induced by reverse migration, the rate of infection among the front-line workers too has increased. More and more service providers, including ASHA, anganwadi and sanitary workers along with panchayat representatives, have been found Covid-19 positive in the course of managing quarantine centres in the state. Even some sarpanchs, who are in charge of quarantine centres, have got infected.

The main reason is the personnel who are directly handling people in quarantine are neither provided with PPEs nor trained properly on safe conduct. There is even no SOP for working in such a high-risk environment. What use are the lakhs of PPEs stocked up with the government if front-line workers move around unprotected and exposed to serious risk of infection? The Central guidelines may not have stipulated the full set of PPEs for those attached to quarantine facilities, but it is not binding. Considering the high Covid-positive rate among inmates, compounded by their asymptomatic status, the state government is free to tweak the rules in the interests of its own corona warriors. The government claims to have sent PPEs down to the block level but in the absence of clear-cut directions, the warriors are deprived of protection and forced to work in risky conditions. The fact that the government does not even disseminate official information on infection contracted by these front-line workers is no good either as it goes against transparency, which is a major pillar of its governance.

Did the then CAG's actions create an environment where decision-making became even more difficult?

COAL BLOCK AUCTIONS AND THE CAG EFFECT

ANIL SWARUP
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The Union finance minister has announced, as a part of the stimulus package, that the coal sector would be opened up and coal blocks put up for auction for commercial mining. Will it be impacted by the 'Rai effect'?

It was 2012. Visuals of Rekha Gupta, the deputy comptroller and auditor general, flashing a report before the media are etched in the memory of many. There were alleged scams all around. The media was lapping it up. No one had the time or the inclination to examine the details. In any case, the comptroller and auditor general (CAG) was supposed to go into the details. If he came to a particular conclusion, it was assumed that he had gone into the details. The CAG had concluded that there was a loss of more than ₹1.7 lakh crore in the allocation of coal blocks. Subsequently, the Supreme Court put its stamp on what the CAG had said. In fact, it went far beyond what was allegedly found by the CAG. Any comment thereafter would have been more than mere sacrilege. It would have been contempt. However, after the dust created by this legitimised sound and fury had settled and after it had created a sufficiently wild political storm to sweep one party out and the other one in, there were indeed intrepid people around who sought to explore the truth.

It took the courage of a former Coal Secretary, P C Parakh, to bare it all. He went on to examine these issues at length in two seminal books, *Coal Conundrum* and *Crusader or Conspirator?* The world was getting to know the truth behind the so-called damage that was done. The focus, however, in these books was not so much on the CAG but the Supreme Court judgment. Subsequently, the findings of the CAG that were later termed as "Coal Scam" were questioned in stray articles. The extent of the ultimate damage by such a report will continue to be debated for some time. The legal legitimacy of the report stood confirmed after the Supreme Court put its stamp of acceptance on it, but certain factual and ethical questions still remain unanswered:

1. Did the CAG come to the wrong numbers while determining the loss to the public exchequer?

2. Was there a need to make a public spectacle of what he thought was right?

3. Did the CAG's actions create an environment where decision-making became even more difficult?

These issues have been examined at length in my book *Not Just A Civil Servant*. And the conclusions arrived at in the book would not have pleased the person who donned the mantle of Chief Auditor of the country. Vinod Rai had rightly claimed in his book, *Not Just An Accountant*, that he wasn't just an accountant. However, he in fact reported just like an accountant, with devastating consequences. His miscalculations virtually ruined the coal sector. There were hardly any takers for the coal blocks that were auctioned after the first couple of rounds. The tragedy was compounded as no civil servant was prepared to accept realistic bids offered in a number of coal blocks because they were below the calculations made by the CAG, based on assumptions that did not make sense. The country had celebrated the *tamasha* when the revelations were made by him, but India continues to suffer the consequences of what can only be called the fantasy he indulged in. There wasn't anything illegal done by the Vinod while giving his *Rai* (advice) as CAG but the real issue is whether it was ethical for him to come to conclusions without going into the details of each mine instead of taking a convenient method of using averages. Shouldn't he have gone into the financials of each mine? By not doing so, the CAG appeared to be merely on a fault-finding mission, not a mission to unearth the truth.

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Greater damage was done to the psyche of civil servants. This damage happened because of the spectacle made out of half-truths, which are more difficult to sift and dangerous because the halves are so intermixed. Here too, by going to the media and highlighting the wrong, Vinod Rai had, legally speaking, done no wrong. However, was he ethically correct in grandstanding in a manner that is not expected of a civil servant? Should he or the deputy CAG have refrained from making a spectacle out of an alleged "scam"?

The 'Rai effect' was quite devastating. Officers started refraining from committing themselves on the files. They were playing safe. Further, it was hoped that coal production would increase if the blocks were auctioned. This was not so. In fact, coal production from auctioned mines was well below the estimated amount. The situation in India eased because of an unprecedented increase of coal production by Coal India Limited that had nothing to do with the CAG or his report. And finally, the CAG's report led to the conviction of officers who had justifiably enjoyed a spotless image. The CAG obviously cannot be blamed for all of this, but he set the tone for devastating consequences.

Only time will tell whether the auction of coal blocks for commercial mining will be impacted by the 'Rai effect'.

(With excerpts from the author's forthcoming book *Ethical Dilemmas of a Civil Servant*. *Email: swarup8@yahoo.com*)

THE COVID PANDEMIC AND CHAOS THEORY

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Covid-19 is now widely regarded by many as the greatest illustration of the 'butterfly effect' in our lifetime. This metaphor is borrowed from the concept of 'Chaos Theory' and was propagated by MIT mathematician Edward Lorenz. The theory says some systems, highly sensitive to initial conditions, are simply too complex to be predictable over the long term. The 'butterfly effect', widely known after a lecture delivered by Lorenz entitled "Predictability: Does the Flap of a Butterfly's Wings in Brazil Set Off a Tornado in Texas?" at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1972, indicates that tiny changes might result in unpredictable effects.

A 1952 short story *A Sound of Thunder* by Ray Bradbury about time travel is often credited as the origin of the term butterfly effect. Bradbury illustrated how the death of a butterfly in the past could have drastic changes in the future. In fact, Lorenz himself first realised this phenomenon in 1961 when he was using a computer program to simulate weather. He was astonished to observe that a tiny alteration in the input value like rounding off a number representing atmospheric conditions from 0.506127 to 0.506 utterly transformed his long-term forecast of the weather. "The initial round-off errors were the culprits; they were steadily amplifying until they dominated the solution," Lorenz later commented in his 1993 book *The Essence of Chaos*.

In addition to severe health effects, the pandemic is certainly an acute shock to the world economy, its education system, job market, social stability, process of globalisation, international trade, the global supply chain model and international politics. However, was the global spread of Covid-19 orchestrated by a Chinese butterfly (or Chinese pangolin or bat) alone? People grossly overlook some aspects inherent in the philosophy of the 'butterfly effect'. A big phenomenon comprises a long chain of successive small events. Lorenz provided an 'input' in his simulation exercise. A tiny alteration or approximation in the 'input' may be interpreted as a flap of a butterfly. However, there are innumerable conditions thereafter, mostly random, in the process, beyond the input provider's control, which would eventually yield some 'output'. At the 'input' stage, you have no other way than to average out all the future 'random' events, and thus the 'butterfly effect' seems the only dominating issue to you. It's essentially a perspective look. It thus prevents us from isolating specific causes of later conditions. However, "we shall never know what would have happened if we had not disturbed it" due to numerous subsequent random events—most of which are flaps of other butterflies. How the event unfolds, thus, depends very sensitively upon its present state, so that, even though it is not random, it seems to be.

However, in reality, we usually look at any event in a retrospective angle—after it has already occurred. Innumerable butterfly flaps in the complex path of the event have already happened by then. These are realisations of different random variables, each of which had potential to change the course of the event as well. It's certainly a reflection of the 'domino effect' or 'chain reaction'—the cumulative effect produced when one event sets off a faraway change. However, the chain can completely be broken or directed differently by shifting just one domino a bit. For example, in late February, when the US President Donald Trump was on a state visit to India, Dr Nancy Messonnier, the director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the US, publicly sounded an alarm about the severity of the coronavirus outbreak, warning that the outbreak would soon become a pandemic. And an angry Trump, in denial, threatened to fire her. Had Trump paid attention to her warning instead, the US might have averted the present situation—who knows! Again, the World Health Organization is under fire with the allegation that it ignored a crucial December email from Taiwan inquiring about the person-to-person spread of Covid-19. A timely action could have possibly reduced the intensity of the pandemic drastically. Did the initial reliance on 'herd immunity' prove to be too costly for the UK? Were the countries of Europe late to close their respective borders? There are innumerable such butterflies in the complex route from the wet market of Wuhan in China to Italy, Europe, America and other parts of Asia—many of them had the potential to drastically cut the severity of the pandemic in different countries.

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Our usual instinct is to attach a specific cause to an event, and we cannot easily accept the randomness of the world. In the 2004 Hollywood movie *The Butterfly Effect*, the character played by Ashton Kutcher travels back in time and alters his troubled childhood so that the present could be altered. The results were dismal though. It clearly indicates that our ability to analyse and predict the functioning of the world is inherently limited.

This pandemic, initiated by a Wuhan 'butterfly', is likely to be a combination of a lot more butterfly effects over time across the globe, and it might cause hurricanes that are longer and much more severe than we can currently predict.

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Protect migrant workers

This is with reference to *Problematic 'guest' workers label* (June 1). The predicament of migrant workers is that their concerns are not taken care of. As they constitute a substantial portion of the Indian workforce, suitable legislation must be enacted to protect their interests.
Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Not treated well

The editorial has aptly highlighted the numerous problems faced by migrant workers. Though 'guest worker' sounds dignified, it is not so in reality. They were not treated like guests. It is commendable that UP and Odisha are focusing their attention on providing employment to these returning workers in their home states.
R Sridharan, Chennai

Building self reliance

The mass return of migrant workers seems to have led to a rise in agricultural activities. States should provide an impetus to encourage this as it will uplift the workers as well as the economy. People should be encouraged to take up traditional jobs to contribute to local business development, which will further the PM's Atmanirbhar Bharat dream.
Parthavee S Mohanty, Bhubaneswar

Keeping US at a distance

This is with reference to *Absurdities in play on global stage amid pandemic* (June 1). Trump has eclipsed pandemic news with his off-the-cuff rants on internal and global issues. China and India are aware of America's history in Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq, and want to keep the country at a distance.
Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

India's global standing

It is heartening that US President Donald Trump has expressed his desire to include India along with Russia, South Korea and Australia in an expanded grouping instead of G7. After PM Narendra Modi took over, India's global standing has gone up. His policies on many issues, both internal and external, have attracted the attention of leaders all over the world.
S Ravindranath, Bengaluru

Better representation

Though many of the US President's decisions seem controversial and unpalatable, his wish to expand the G7 is praiseworthy. It is undeniable that India and the three other nations are stronger compared to earlier. Their inclusion will ensure better global representation.
S Arjun Prasanna, Bengaluru

Reach out to Nepal

Nepal has raised India's hackles by tabling a constitution amendment bill to formalise the country's new map, which claims parts of India as its territory. This is a setback for us, as we relied on a lack of political consensus in Kathmandu. With relations between the two countries turning sour, India would do well to reach out to its neighbour and soothe ruffled feathers.
N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

Can't take it lying down

Nepal's main opposition expressing support to the government about the inclusion of Indian territory in that nation's maps is something India cannot take lying down. Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli's moves in this regard are highly regrettable
S Lakshmi, email

Racism in America

The brutal murder of George Floyd by a white policeman in Minneapolis, US, is horrifying beyond words. Racism still prevails in that country with unabated intensity. Such violence brings disgrace to this developed nation.
N Visveswaran, Chennai

Trump should be more mature

There is clear anger among the people of the US over the murder of George Floyd, as is seen by the spreading incidents of rioting and arson in several cities in that country. The authorities must wake up to correct the situation and be more stringent to check racism among their ranks. It is vital that President Trump be more mature and circumspect in his comments on the riots.
K R Parvathy, Mysuru

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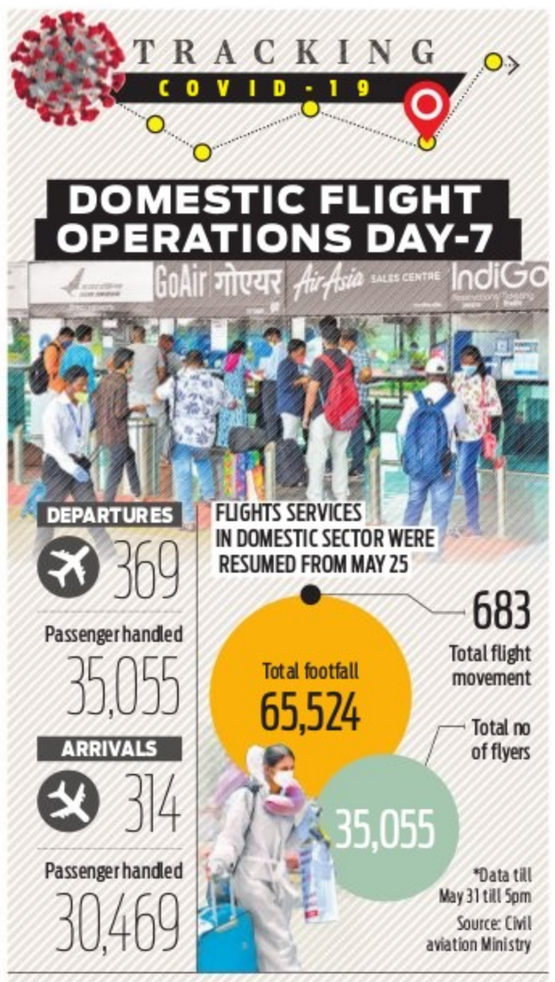
Migrant workers are in distress. Had the government announced lockdown with planning, this crisis wouldn't have arisen

— Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress leader

ARUNACHAL CASES

Reports have emerged which say that 16 people tested positive for coronavirus in Arunachal Pradesh on Monday. This takes the total tally of the state to 20.

423 Infections CASES IN GUJARAT



'Masks, distance don't give full protection'

Study is the first time researchers have systematically examined the optimum use of these protective measures

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

KEEPING at least one metre distance from other people as well as wearing face coverings and eye protection, in and outside of health-care settings, could be the best way to reduce the chance of viral infection or Covid-19 transmission, according to a systematic review and meta-analysis synthesising all the available evidence from the scientific literature, published in *The Lancet*.

However, none of these interventions, even when properly used and combined, give complete protection from infection, and the researchers said that some of the findings, particularly surrounding face masks and eye protection, are supported by low-certainty evidence, with no completed randomised trials addressing Covid for these interventions.

The study, conducted to inform WHO guidance documents, is the first time researchers have systematically examined the optimum use of these protective measures in both community and healthcare settings for Covid-19.

The authors say it has immediate and important implications for curtailing the current Covid-19 pandemic and future waves by informing disease models, and standardising the definition of who has been 'potentially exposed' (or come within 2 metres) for contact tracing.

Many countries and regions have issued conflicting advice about physical distancing, based on limited information. In addition, the questions of whether masks and eye coverings might reduce transmission in the general population, and what the optimum use of masks in healthcare settings is, have been debated.

"Our findings are the first to synthesise all direct information on Covid-19, SARS, and MERS, and provide the currently best available evidence on the optimum use of these common and simple interventions to help "flatten the curve" and inform pandemic response efforts in the community," said Holger Schünemann from McMaster University in Canada, who co-led the research. "Governments and public health community can use our results to give clear advice for community settings and healthcare workers on these protective measures to reduce infection risk."

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A health worker inside a mobile test unit in New Delhi on Monday | SHEKHAR YADAV

Patanjali will add 5L new jobs: Ramdev

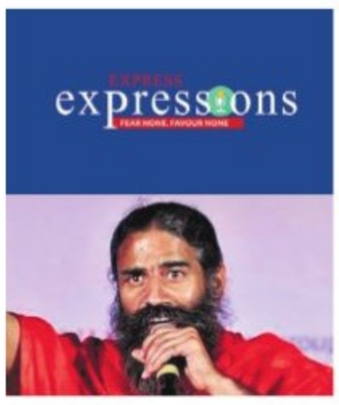
*Ayurveda can be a way forward for people to fight COVID-19 and developing strong immunity, says **Baba Ramdev**. The yoga guru says he has not rested in the last 40 years and remains active from 4 am to 10 pm every day. His remarks came during a conversation with **Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express**, on TNIE's Expressions, a series of live web casts with people who matter.*

For an 'atmanirbhar' (self-reliant) Bharat, what do you think are the five things that the country can adopt?
I will do three things. In order to make the country self-reliant on edible oil, be it soya, sunflower, mustard, I will create a movement... in the five-10 years so that we don't have to rely on others. Through this work, I will give livelihood to more than 5 lakh people. Through the different projects of Patanjali and Ruchi Soya, I can give a contribution of Rs 1 lakh crore in the next five years.

What are your expectations from politicians?
The expectation is that in order to this work in different sectors like agriculture, industry, manufacturing, automobile, we need to make India-centred policies. In many companies, people have funds. There should be some policies that people do not hesitate to spend funds. They should feel that they can earn some profits.

Will Patanjali create a medicine for COVID-19?
We will keep on working. We have been successful.

In the past two months of lockdown, have you researched on new forms of yoga?
From the time COVID-19 emerged, we started our research. Pranayams are effective. One can make a concoction of natural ingredients like turmeric, ginger, black pepper, tulsi, cardamom. We did the experiments at different places. In Madhya Pradesh, we gave kadha to 500 people. Most people tested negative. The recovery rate is amazing, within seven to 10 days. This is a clinical controlled trial process, and we have published a research paper in an international journal. I think before a vaccine is made available, Ayurveda will give people the weapon to fight COVID-19.



Have you shared your formula with govt or ICMR? Has it been acknowledged?
There is the lobby of MNCs and of allopathy (manufacturers). But we have found out a way. We have taken approval of clinical controlled trial.

Are you saying MNCs and allopathy lobby are not allowing you to promote indigenous remedies?
They are against yoga, Ayurveda and Indian culture.

Govt's policies are such that foreign firms come here.
The government cannot do everything. The mindset of people on indigenous products also needs to change.

You had said earlier you would fight against foreigners. Do you think you have been successful?
In 50 per cent states, we are ahead in sales of dentalcare, skincare, and other household items. In April-May, Patanjali and Ruchi Soya had a turnover of ₹25,000 crore.

RAPID RISE

With record new cases, India now seventh worst-hit nation in world

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE tally of Covid-19 cases in India crossed the 1.9 lakh mark on Monday morning as 8,392 more people tested positive for the highly contagious disease in 24 hours registering yet another highest single day spike.

With this, the total number of cases in the country now stands at 1,90,535 including 5,394 deaths, according to data from the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The country also registered 230 deaths within a day — the second highest single day death tally so far-with 146 deaths reported from two states, Maharashtra and Delhi.

India has now climbed to seventh from the ninth spot in the list of 10 nations worst hit by the pandemic, with more cases than that of France.

Globally, US which has over 18 lakh confirmed cases of novel coronavirus, is the worst hit country in the outbreak . Brazil follows with over five lakh cases, and Russia with over four lakh cases. The other countries which have more cases than India are the UK, Spain and Italy, according to the WHO's coronavirus tracker. Globally, close to 62lakh people have tested positive.

Back home, the country has 10 states with more than 10,000 Covid 19 cases and Maharashtra leads the pack with 67,655 cases and 2,286 deaths. The state reported 89 fresh deaths on Sunday. Delhi, which has 19, 844 total cases reported 1,295 new cases and 57 new deaths on Sunday.

Meanwhile worryingly, the total tests conducted country wide to detect new cases fell by nearly 20 per cent with just over 1 lakh samples tested on Sunday but no explanation was offered either by the health ministry or the Indian Council of Medical Research on why there is a fall in this crucial indicator of country's fightback against the contagion.

The number of total daily samples tested had reached nearly 1.2 lakh a few days back.

155 more test Covid-19 positive, three more die in J&K

SRINAGAR: As many as 155 more tested positive for coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, taking the total number of Covid-19 patients in the Union Territory above 2,600. A statement issued by the Information and Public Relations Department said that of the new cases, 99 were from Jammu division and 56 from the Kashmir division. Three patients, who tested positive for the dreaded virus, died on Monday, taking the toll to 31. So far, 946 patients have completely recovered. The number of active cases is now 1,624, out of which 467 are in the Jammu division and 1,157 in the Kashmir division. The Covid death toll in Jammu and Kashmir has risen to 30 after two more people succumbed to the disease in the last 24 hours, officials said on Monday. Both patients, a 45-year-old man from Shopian and a 72-year-old Doda resident, had underlying health conditions. The Shopian resident was admitted with multiple chest problems, an official said here.

Migrants passing through Danapur to get free soft drinks

PATNA: In a first for this part of the country, migrant-labourers who come and pass through the jurisdiction of Danapur division of East Central Railway (ECR) in Bihar by Shramik special trains will get soft drinks and aerated juices free of cost from the railways. The Danapur division began this service in addition to others from Sunday. "This has been started to welcome migrant labourers and others who come or pass through Danapur division limits in association with the Coca Cola group. The group, under its corporate social responsibility moves in tandem with the Danapur division, has sponsored 1 lakh bottles of around ₹ 80 lakh cost," Addhar Raj, senior divisional railway manager said. He said that bottles containing 200 ml of soft drink and juices like Limca are distributed among the migrant-labourers travelling in the Shramik special trains at Ara, Patliputra, Danapur and Patna junctions currently.

Five inmates test positive in Uttarakhand, officials worried

DEHRADUN: After five prisoners in Uttarakhand's Sitarganj jail tested positive for Covid 19 on Sunday, panic spread among officials of overcrowded jails. This is the first case of inmates getting infected in Uttarakhand. PVK Prasad (IG Jail) said, "We are taking every precaution to check any spread in correctional facilities of the state. Investigation has been launched in to the matter as to how these inmates got infected." Out of total 11 jails, most remain overcrowded. Sitarganj jail itself houses total 666 inmates against its capacity of 300. The incident has sent ripples across all 11 jails in the state. At present, around 5,000 prisoners are lodged in 11 jails that have a capacity of around 3,600. After the first coronavirus positive case was detected in the state on March 15, jail authorities took measures like screening every visitor, sanitization of premises and use of masks and gloves by the jail staff.

DISCIPLINE FIRST

A policeman raises his baton on migrants engaged in a scuffle for packets of free food in Prayagraj on Monday | PTI

An airport employee wearing a PPE kit assists an elderly passenger on her arrival at the Jai Prakash Narayan International Airport, in Patna on Monday | PTI

ICMR draws flak for HCQ to health workers

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

HEALTHCARE Workers (HCWs) who take at least six or more doses of hydroxychloroquine are better placed to avoid contracting Covid than those taking none or lesser doses, an ICMR study said.

The study, which also emphasizes on the need of taking adequate protective measures by HCWs, however, drew flak for not coming clean on "conflict of interest".

In March, the ICMR had advised HCQ under medical supervision for preventing the infection, even though there was no evidence to show that it works in the prophylaxis of the disease. Even as evidence started emerging to show that HCQ could actually worsen the outcome in many severely sick Covid patients, the ICMR recommended the drug to HCWs, police and security personnel.

Now, in a study published in *Indian Journal of Medical Research*, data for which was collected in May, it said that six or more doses of HCQ had a "remarkably high — more than 80 per cent-protective effect against coronavirus infection".

HCWs who took one to three doses of HCQ faced a higher risk of infection than those who had not taken the drug, the study said.

What many are pointing out is that two study authors are Dr Balram Bhargava, ICMR D-G and its chief epidemiologist Dr RR Gangakhedkar, who were directly involved in issuing the previous two advisories. Dr Bhargava and Dr Gangakhedkar could not be reached for comments despite attempts.

"The ICMR D-G and Dr. Gangakhedkar were involved in the decision making on HCQ use. So they should not have been involved in a research project to collect evidence in support or against their policy," said Dr Amar Jesani, editor of *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*.

Conflict of interest

Dr Anant Bhan, bioethics expert, pointed out that since the senior ICMR leaders are co-authors, it would have been good practice to have a Conflict of Interest statement.

Air India to provide full refund option for flyers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

NATIONAL carrier Air India has decided to provide the option of a full refund to passengers who were scheduled to travel between March 23 and May 31 but had their flights cancelled.

Moreover, passengers will also have the option of adjusting the amount for that particular cancelled flight for making fresh bookings without paying any extra charges till August 24.

Air India has said that in case of refunds, cancellation charges will stand waived and passengers will be eligible for full refund.

Travel aggregator platform EaseMyTrip said that Air India would have unused tickets worth over ₹500 crore, and almost 70-80 percent people will opt for refunds. Rest 20-30 per cent people would utilise the option of travelling on a later date.

"Air India has begun providing refunds to its customers though through a complex process that takes 60-75 days and involves travel companies submitting manual applications for refunds. Both these moves will help enhance perception of customers on Air India and restore their belief in them," Nishant Pitti of EaseMyTrip said.

If passenger requests a change in routing, only rerouting charges will be waived as per waiver but applicable difference in fare will be charged.

"As for travel agents, since they will not be able to re-validate tickets, they may be advised to re-issue tickets on No-ADC basis," the airline said.

New strain: Scientists find a dominant virus genome among Indian samples

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

A distinct cluster of Covid virus population prevalent in India comprises 41 per cent of all SARS-CoV2 genomes of Indian samples and 3.5 per cent of global genomes submitted in public domain.

Called Clade A3i, this cluster, uncharacterised so far, seems to have originated from an outbreak in February and spread through India, said scientists of the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology. The genomes isolated from India were classified under five clusters — Clades A2a, A3, A3i , B, and B4. A fresh preprint on genome analysis of SARS-CoV2 shows that considering all the genomic data available from India, the Clade A3i is represented in 145 genomes (41.2 per cent) and represented 6 of 19 states from which the genomes originated.

The geographical distribution and the proportion of the Clade A3i isolates shows the highest prevalence in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Maharashtra and Delhi followed by Bihar, Karnataka, UP, West Bengal, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Rajasthan have one genome each under Clade A3i.

"The cluster suggests a potential single introduction in February, followed by a country-wide spread, mostly affecting the South as evidenced by the most recent common ancestor (tMRCA) as well as the short cluster. Our analysis suggests that the Clade A3i was represented in almost all states from which genomes are available, barring a few," said a scientist.

Constantly evolving

Virus has differentiated into at least 10 Clades and is evolving. This has implications in genetic epidemiology, surveillance, contact tracing, development of long term strategies.

NO SOCIAL DISTANCING

Non-compliance with social distancing norms by BSF personnel upon their return from homes in other parts of country has led to 163 COVID cases in Tripura, Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb said.

1 CORONA POSITIVE CASE IN CBI REPORTED

Ahmedabad	41	27	Mumbai	35	27
Bhopal	40	24	Panaji	34	26
Jaipur	38	24	Patna	34	22
Amritsar	34	20	Lucknow	37	23
Chennai	35	28	Port Blair	32	27
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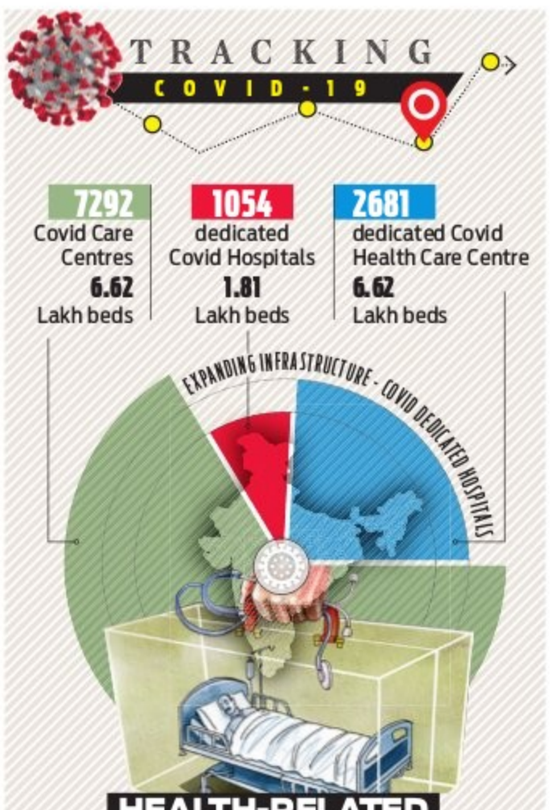
Srinagar	25	9	Chandigarh	35	21



Bengal govt fudging virus data, says Governor

Jagdeep Dhankhar also expressed his concern over the issue of pending reports of 40,000 coronavirus tests in the state

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

DAYS after West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar said there is a 'light of hope'at the end of a 'dark tunnel'after Prime Minister's aerial survey of Amphan ravaged areas on May 22, the sign of thaw in the frosty relationship between him and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee evaporated after the Governor on Monday said that Bengal's highest number of Covid-19 cases in past 24 hours was a 'fall out of fudging' of data.

On his Twitter handle Dhankhar said, real time data is essence of awareness of people who need to be more careful in the days after lockdown. He also expressed his concern over the issue of pending reports of 40,000 Covid-19 tests.

Such long delay in test results defeats purpose of testing. Only yesterday state touched highest +ve number. All this staggering is secondary fudging of data. Hoodwinking never pays in crisis

Jagdeep Dhankhar, WB Governor

So far 371 deaths have been reported from the state. | FILE

"Seek enlightenment @derekobrienmp as to how many results of test reports are pending as he is social media spokesperson. I put this figure over 40,000 to Chief Secretary. Awfully worrisome scenario. Such long delay in test results defeats purpose of testing. Only yesterday State touched 371 the highest Covid +ve number. All this staggering is secondary fudging of data. This does good to none. Hoodwinking never pays in crisis," Dhankhar tweeted.

Dhankhar, while interacting with the TNIE last week, said, "There is a light of hope at the end of a dark tunnel after the PM's visit. The CM was also there for aerial survey. Working together and cooperative federalism is being seen at the moment."

The governor's tweet on Monday appeared to be a beginning of another round of war of words between Bengal's two constitutional functionaries.

Earlier, he had raised questions on Covid-19 toll after the state health department formed a committee which held comorbidity of several deceased as the reason behind their death. He was also vocal when the members of Inter-Ministerial Central Teams (IMCTs), who visited Bengal to assess whether lockdown norms were being followed in the state, alleged non-cooperation by the state government and accused the health department of not providing logistics.

Jharkhand allows public transport with restrictions

Ranchi: The Jharkhand government on Monday allowed intra-district public movement by allowing three-wheelers such as auto-rickshaw, tempo, e-rickshaw and manual rickshaw to ply on roads, but places of worship would remain closed for now. The order will remain in force till May 30. Business establishments dealing in electronic consumer goods, jewellery, furniture and automobiles can now reopen operate in district headquarters. The government also permitted some additional activities outside the containment zones which include, service centres of electronic consumer items and electrical goods like TV and refrigerator. Garages and motor workshops in district headquarters can open.

MUSCLE POWER

Bodybuilders and fitness instructors participate in a protest demanding re-opening of gyms in Kolkata | PTI

Uttarakhand CM, ministers to go on self-quarantine

Dehradun: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat and other Cabinet members have opted for self-quarantine after tourism minister Satpal Maharaj and his family members tested positive for Covid on Sunday. Madan Kaushik, a Cabinet minister, said that Rawat took the decision to set an example and to ensure safety of others. Maharaj had attended a Cabinet meeting on May 29. His wife, son, daughter-in-law, his 2-year-old grandson, staff including 17 others were found positive later. Swab samples of his another son, however, came negative on Monday. A total of 42 people who came in his contact have been admitted to AIIMS-Rishikesh. Meanwhile, the state government has not relaxed requirement of pass in interstate travel. The new guidelines stated that anyone travelling to Uttarakhand from any other state or union territory will require pass.

Principal kicks up a row, calls Tablighis 'terrorists'

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

KANPUR Medical college principal kicked a major row after a video of her was released in which she was seen referring Tablighi Jamaat members as 'terrorists' and accusing UP CM Yogi Adityanath of indulging in politics of appeasement by extending institutional healthcare facilities to them.

In the viral video, the principal identified as Dr Aarti Lalchandani, is purportedly seen interacting with seemingly some scribes, saying: "They are terrorists," while referring allegedly to the members of Tablighi Jamaat. Though she has not taken their name during the conversation but the context of her discourse makes it clear that she is referring to Jamatis.

Taking cognisance of the matter, Subhashini Ali, a prominent CPI-M leader and social activist, has demanded an immediate suspension of Dr Lalchandani and enquiry into the matter.

In the video, Dr Lalchandani can be heard allegedly saying, "These people are terrorists and we are giving VIP treatment to them by providing food and water. We are exhausting our resources on them. We are paying hotel bills and are wasting our PPE kits, food, medicines on them."

I am planning to speak to Union Health Minister. District Magistrate is doing things as per the orders of the Chief Minister (Yogi Adityanath) who is indulging in 'their' appeasement

Dr Aarti Lalchandani, Principal

When asked by a journalist in the video about her future course of action, she said, "I hope no one is recording this. Don't leak it anyone, but I am planning to speak to Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan. Here, no one will listen. The District Magistrate is doing things as per the orders of the Chief Minister (Yogi Adityanath) who is indulging in 'their' appeasement."

Dilemma for Yogi: Migrants form 27% of UP's 8K-plus Covid cases

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WITH Uttar Pradesh having breached the 8,000 mark of corona positive cases, lakhs of migrants who have returned to the state during four back-to-back phases of lockdown now constitute over 27 per cent of the total Covid-19 cases in state.

Around 30 lakh migrants have thronged Uttar Pradesh since March 1. Not only are they being subjected to strict medical scanning for the virus, but are also being sent to quarantine facility centres or home quarantine for 21 days depending upon condition.

However, the present surge in Covid-19 cases is being attributed to the migrants. As per official figures, as of now, over 2100 migrants have tested positive, taking state tally to 8,105 cases with 30 fresh cases on Monday. In fact, the state witnessed a record spike in a day with a fresh 378 cases on Sunday.

According to State Infectious Disease Surveillance Officer Dr Vikasendu Agrawal, so far sample of 69,000 migrants were collected, of which 2,165 had tested positive till Sunday. However, last three days have witnessed the state figure of Covid-19 patients surging from 7000 to over 8000.

Migrants scuffle for packets of free food and water at Prayagraj railway station | PTI

The official data shows that the spike was quite prominent in Gautam Buddh Nagar where 49 fresh cases surfaced on Sunday taking the district tally to 457. At present, there are 171 active cases in that area, while 756 have been discharged and six people have died due to coronavirus.

The second steepest spike of 33 new cases was seen in neighbouring Ghaziabad district where the tally of total cases went up to 328. Till date, 211 people have been discharged after recovery and 113 are active cases. The district has recorded four deaths due to Covid-19.

Shah to kickstart Bihar poll campaign with virtual rally

RAJESH THAKUR & PRANAB MONDAL @Patna/Kolkata

THE BJP will sound the poll bugle in Bihar next week with a 'virtual rally' by Union minister and party's senior leader Amit Shah who will address through video conference and Facebook live, a senior party leader said on Monday.

Sanjay Jaiswal, the state president of the BJP, said the party has set a target of roping in "at least one lakh people across the 243 assembly segments in Bihar" for the video conference, besides those who may prefer to listen to the speech on the social networking site. "The virtual rally can be verily called the commencement of our digital campaign for assembly elections in Bihar. The June 9 rally by the Home Minister will be followed by similar public addresses from party president J P Nadda on a later date. Itinerary for the same will be made known in due course. Nadda is expected to address the people in two phases covering north and south Bihar," he said.

Shah is also expected to address a virtual rally in West Bengal on June 9. "Holding rallies is not possible because of restrictions necessitated by Covid-19 pandemic. It will continue. We have decided to launch virtual rallies by using social media platforms. Union Home minister Amit Shah will address a virtual rally from Delhi on June 9 and the link will be shared on social media platforms," said BJP's state president Dilip Ghosh.

Ghosh also, said despite resistance by the ruling party's supporters and the state administration, the workers of the saffron camp is reaching the ravaged areas with all necessary help.

EXPRESS READ

Don't be US pawn in New Cold War: China

New Delhi: China has warned India against becoming a 'US pawn' in what it termed the new Cold War between Beijing and the West saying siding with the US could hurt New Delhi's economic interests. The article which was published in the 'The Global Times', went on to urge the Narendra Modi-led BJP government must face new geopolitical developments rationally and objectively while saying India does not have much to gain by engaging in the US-China conflict.

Election to 18 Rajya Sabha seats on June 19

New Delhi: The EC has said that elections for 18 Rajya Sabha seats will be held on June 19. The elections, which were to be held in March, were deferred in view of the coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent lockdown. The poll panel said that the polling and counting will now be held on June 19. Out of these 18 seats, which will go to polls, four each are from Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat, two from Jharkhand, three each from Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan and one each from Manipur and Meghalaya.

₹3-cr crowdsourced to rebuild houses

In the gunfight on May 19, houses of 19 families were destroyed | FILE

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

RISING to the occasion, people of Kashmir donated about ₹3 crores in 12 days to build the damaged houses which were destroyed in Nawakadal gunfight in Srinagar on May 19. In the gunfight houses of 19 families were destroyed.

Abdul Rehman Dar, president of local Masjid Committee at Kanimazar Nawa Kadal said, "We opened an account in a bank and urged people to contribute generously," he said. The Masjid committee has also started online campaigns to raise donations for reconstruction of the damaged houses. "Not only the houses were damaged but all valuables in the houses were destroyed. Gold ornaments got melted due to fire. We fixed a particular target amount. After receiving the target amount in donations, we have stopped collecting donations from Sunday. We have made video appeal telling people that we have received the target amount and closed the bank account," he said and expressed gratitude to people for contributing generously.

Dar said they sought assessment report from a team of engineers to know how much money is needed for completely rebuilding the damaged houses.

According to Dar it is for first time in Kashmir that locals are bearing expenses to rebuild houses damaged in the gunfight. Sources said within 12 days, on the appeal of the local community, around ₹2.5-3 crore were collected in a bank account for building back the houses razed in the deadly gunfight. Dar said the Masjid committee has distributed ₹33 lakhs among three families, whose family members were killed in a house collapse after the encounter ended.

"One of the families was given ₹16 lakh and ₹17 lakh were distributed to two other families, who lost their family members in house collapse," Dar said.

CHANDIGARH DIARY

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Chandigarh: Police dept to hold talent hunt to identify expertise of cops

In an attempt to build 'assets' of the department, the Chandigarh Police has decided to hold a talent hunt competition among the recently selected 472 personnel. The talent hunt will focus on a personnel's investigation skills, especially related to cyber crime, monetary or multi-crore scams and manpower management skills. Senior officers have decided to select talented personnel out of the 472 recruited in 2020, including 230 men and 242 women.

Bharat Electronics to set control centre

The Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) will be set-up in Chandigarh Sector 17 by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL). The centre will control and monitor CCTV cameras, automatic number plate recognition system, red light violation detection system, e-challan system and adaptive traffic control system. Other smart solutions such as dynamic message boards and public address system will also be set up. All fire, police, disaster-related and other services will be under the one roof. The project will be costing Rs 295 crore and would take two years to set-up this Centre and once the Centre is ready, BEL will also be responsible for its maintenance for five years. For setting-up this Centre 38 police quarters in Sector 17 will be demolished in a fortnight.

Panjab Univ to open for teaching staff on June15

Panjab University (PU) will be opening for the teaching staff on June 15. A three-week prior notice will be given to students before exams. The syllabus pattern and starting of classes in July to be discussed as per the MHA guidelines. And after taking feedback from all departments, it would be decided when to start the classes. Following the countrywide lockdown on March 23, the PU extended its summer vacations till June 15. Earlier, this week, the PU finalised the SOPs for conducting exams in July. Working on pattern of syllabus, issues raised by students on minimising it will be also considered. All these will be brought to prior notice of students.

Refund initiated against booking community centres

The Chandigarh Municipal Corporation resolved that all people who had booked community centres for weddings, anniversary and retirement parties ever since the lockdown was announced from March 22 to May 31 will get a full refund along with GST paid. As many as 493 bookings were cancelled due to the pandemic and about ₹65.98 lakh was stuck with the government departments. It includes ₹55.51 lakh rent amount paid by people, ₹10.07 lakh as the GST and ₹40,000 for cleaning charges. BJP Councillor Arun Sood said that when invoice is cancelled, even GST is refundable along with other booking charges and these bookings had to cancel.

25
killed as unidentified gunmen opened fire at a cattle market in eastern Burkina Faso on Sunday

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	33	17	SNY	Los Angeles	29	18	LC
Colombo	31	25	TDS	Melbourne	17	9	LC
Doha	38	28	SNY	Moscow	23	5	LR
Dubai	34	24	SNY	New York	25	18	SNY
Houston	32	23	LC	Singapore	32	27	TDS
Istanbul	27	15	SNY	Toronto	20	16	LC
London	26	14	LC	Washington DC	15	7	LC

BAGHDAD

Iraq reports fall in sale of crude, but revenues rise

Iraq sold fewer than 100 million barrels of crude in May, its oil ministry announced on Monday, but recovering prices saw it rake in more revenues than the previous month. In May, Iraq sold 99.5 million barrels of crude at an average price of $21 earning $2.09 billion. In April, it had sold more barrels, but at a low average price of $13.80 per barrel.

TEHRAN

Iran says scientist jailed in America to return in days

Tehran said on Monday that scientist Sirous Asgari, one of more than a dozen Iranians behind bars in the US, is set to return to the Islamic republic within days. Asgari was accused by a US court in 2016 of stealing trade secrets while on an academic visit to Ohio. But the 59-year-old scientist from Tehran's Sharif University of Technology was acquitted in November.

MINSK

Belarus detains opposition leader for ahead of poll

Belarus opposition leader Mikola Statkevich was sentenced to 15 days in police detention Monday, as dozens of activists were held by the authorities after rallies throughout the country. Statkevich, who was detained on Sunday, was found guilty of organising an unauthorised rally in the capital Minsk on May 24, his wife Marina Adamovich told reporters.

SYDNEY

Google rejects call for huge Australian media payout

Google has rejected demands it pay hundreds of millions of dollars per year in compensation to Australian news media under a government-imposed revenue sharing deal. The company's top executive in Australia said Google made barely USD 6.7 million per year from news-linked advertising, a fraction of a govt watchdog's estimates for the sector.

DUBAI

Emirates need up to four years to bounce back

It could take up to four years for Emirates airline's operations to return "to some degree of normality", its president said on Monday, a day after it announced job cuts over the coronavirus crisis. "I think probably by the year 22-23, 23-24, we will see things coming back to some degree of normality," Emirates president Tim Clark told a virtual conference.

LONDON

Queen rides horse in first lockdown sighting in UK

Britain's Queen's Elizabeth II, who has been self-isolating with husband Prince Philip at Windsor Castle in south-east England during the coronavirus lockdown, has been seen outdoors for the first time riding a horse. The 94-year-old, who is a keen rider and horse lover, was pictured on a 14-year-old Fell Pony in the sprawling grounds of her royal residence in Berkshire.

MOSCOW

Russia protests NATO's war games near its border

The Russian military on Monday accused the US and its NATO allies of conducting 'provocative' military drills near the nation's borders. Col.-Gen Sergei Rudskoi of the Russian General Staff said Russia has sent a formal letter to NATO proposing to scale down military activities for the period of the coronavirus outbreak, but the alliance has stonewalled the offer.

EXTERNAL HAND IN PROTESTS?

'US's racial fault lines offer perfect opportunities for enemies looking to harm'

George Floyd's funeral to be held in Houston

George Floyd will be laid to rest in his hometown of Houston, following a public visitation in Minneapolis. Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner announced the funeral plans on Saturday, though there are currently no public details about when it will take place. The mayor broke the news as part of a larger plea for peace amid a weekend where Houston police arrested hundreds of protesters.

Google supports racial equality: Pichai

Google stands in support of racial equality, the tech giant's Indian-American CEO Sunder Pichai has said, expressing solidarity with the African-American community in the US in wake of protests sparked by the death in police custody of George Floyd. Pichai said that the company has decided to share its support for the racial equality in solidarity with the black community on Google and YouTube home pages.

Violent protesters damage a vehicle in Washington DC on Sunday night | AP

WASHINGTON

THE US officials were on Monday seeking to determine whether extremist groups had infiltrated police brutality protests across the country and deliberately tipped largely peaceful demonstrations toward violence — and if foreign adversaries were behind a burgeoning disinformation campaign on social media.

As demonstrations spread from Minneapolis to the White House, New York City and overseas Sunday, federal law enforcement officials insisted far-left groups were stoking violence. Meanwhile, experts who track extremist groups also reported seeing evidence of the far-right at work.

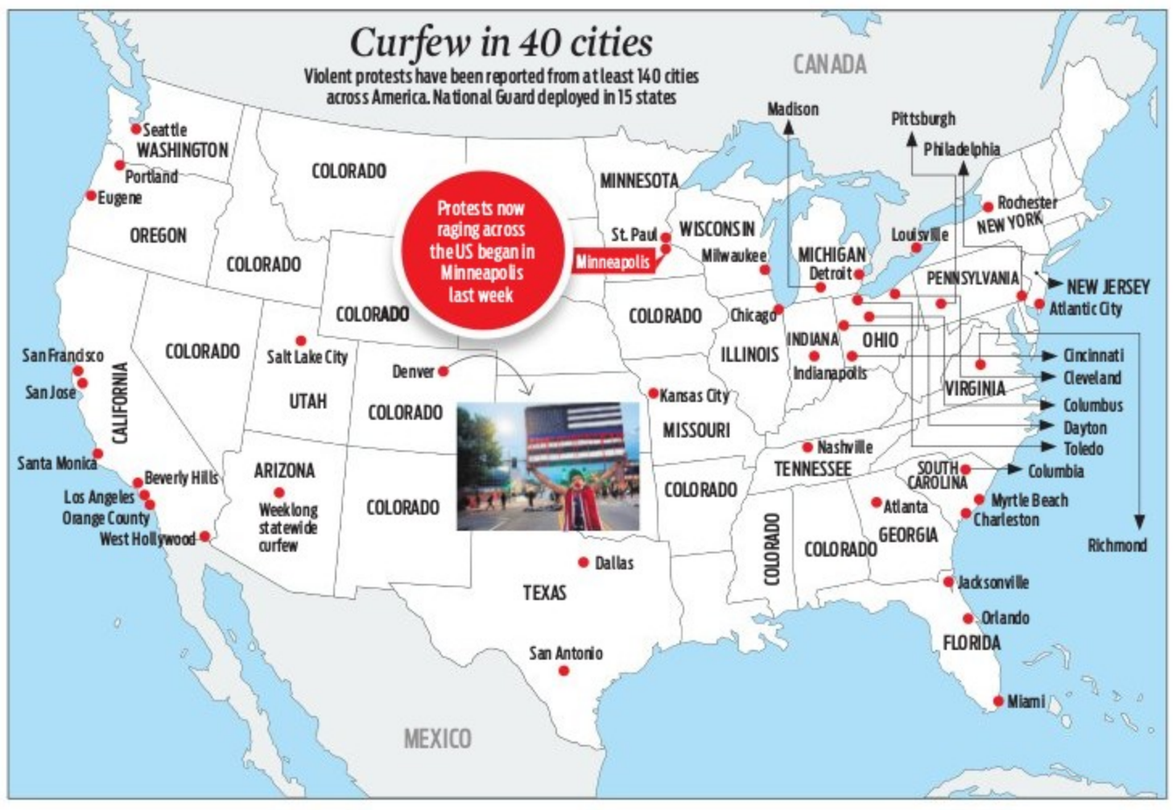
Investigators were also tracking online interference and looking into whether foreign agents were behind the effort. Officials have seen a surge of social media accounts with fewer than 200 followers created in the last month, a textbook sign of a disinformation effort.

US's racial fault lines are a perfect opportunity for foreign adversaries looking to sow discord and portray the US in a negative light, according to James Ludes, director of the Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy at Salve Regina University in Rhode Island.

"This is a real issue and Americans are legitimately upset about it," said Ludes, who have studied foreign disinformation tactics for years.

There's a history of this. In 2016, another black man, Philando Castile, was killed by police in a Minneapolis suburb, his death livestreamed on Facebook. Russians used a fake Black Lives Matter page to confuse and stoke anger among the protesters. There were nearly 700,000 followers, but it's not clear how many were real.

Anarchists have also been blamed for protests. Before protests began in New York City, organizers of anarchist groups began raising money for bail, recruited medical teams to deploy for violent interactions with police and planned how to target high-end stores, said John Miller, the NYPD's deputy commissioner of intelligence and counterterrorism. *AP*



Trump panicked, was rushed to bunker

WASHINGTON

SECRET Service agents rushed President Donald Trump to a White House bunker on Friday night as hundreds of protesters gathered outside the executive mansion, some of them throwing rocks and tugging at police barricades.

Trump spent nearly an hour in the bunker, which was designed for use in emergencies like terrorist attacks, according to a Republican close to the White House who was not authorized to publicly discuss private matters and spoke on condition of anonymity. The account was confirmed by an administration official who also spoke on condition of anonymity.

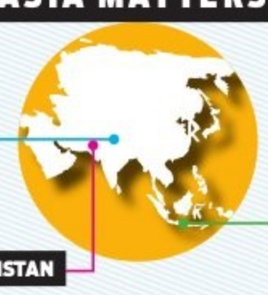
The abrupt decision by the agents underscored the rattled mood inside the White House, where the chants from protesters in Lafayette Park could be heard all weekend and Secret Service agents and law enforcement officers struggled to contain the crowds.

"The White House does not comment on security protocols and decisions," said White House spokesman Judd Deere. The Secret Service said it does not discuss the means and methods of its protective operations. The president's move to the bunker was first reported by *The New York Times*.

The president and his family have been shaken by the size of the crowds, according to the Republican. It was not immediately clear if first lady Melania Trump and the couple's 14-year-old son, Barron, joined the president in the bunker. Secret Service protocol would have called for all those under the agency's protection to be in the underground shelter.

Trump has told advisers he worries about his safety, while both privately and publicly praising the work of the Secret Service. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS



NEPAL

12 dead as van with migrants rams truck

An overcrowded van with migrant workers returning from India amidst the coronavirus lockdown crashed into a parked truck in southern Nepal, killing at least 12 people and injuring 21, officials said on Monday. The accident took place in a dense forest area in Banke district on Sunday when the van collided with a truck that was parked at the roadside. The van was carrying nearly over 30 migrant workers who were returning from India to their home district in Salyan via Nepalgunj, the District Police Office was quoted as saying by Myrepublica.

INDONESIA

Terrorist killed after attacking policeman

Indonesian police fatally shot a suspected Islamic militant who killed an officer at a police station with a samurai-style sword, officials said on Monday.National Police spokesman Ahmad Ramadhan said the suspect was shot as he tried to attack two other policemen after fatally slashing the first officer.

PAKISTAN

Air crash: Forensic experts identify 75 bodies so far

A total of 75 bodies out of 97 people killed in the plane crash in Karachi last month have been identified so far through DNA tests, according to a media report. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Sunday said that out of the 97 deceased, 75 have been identified and their bodies handed over to their family members. "Now eight bodies kept in Chhipa mortuary and another 14 at the Edhi morgue are left to be identified," he said.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

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The undersigned on behalf of President of India invites e-Tenders for the following works:

Sl.	Description of Works	Approx. Value
1	Provision of basic infrastructure facility for cleaning staff in Mysuru division - Electrical arrangements.	Rs.18,05,644/-
2	Provision of lift-2 Nos at Kadur and Birur Station at PF-1 and PF-2 & 3 and Power Supply Arrangements. (Provision of Electrical Arrangements).	Rs. 7,20,948/-

Last Date of submission of bids: Upto 11.00 hrs. of 18.06.2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the General Public are hereby informed that my Client Sri. K. Saravana Kumar, S/o Late A. Kalimuthu, Residing at : A-1302, Golden Grant Apartment, Tumkur Road, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore -560022, intends to buy the Schedule Property mentioned hereunder from 1. Smt. Savitha.K, W/o Mr. Krishnamurthy. B.R. residing at S-601, Meghana Shalini Apartments, Outer Ring Road, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore -560070 and 2. Smt. Sunitha. K, W/o Mr. Avinash V. Residing at No.1514, 4th 'D' Main, 11th 'C' Cross, Mahalakshmipuram, West of Chord Road, Bangalore-560086, if any person/s or Institution/Authority etc, have got any Objections or claiming any right, title and interest of whatsoever nature on the Schedule Property are hereby required to communicate the same along with the supporting documents to me at my Office within 15 days from this day. Otherwise the sale transaction will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest which shall be deemed to have been waived to all interest and purpose.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel in respect of the House property bearing Old No.125, New No.72, 2nd main Road, Seshadripuram, Bangalore 560020, PID No.6-34-72, Ward No. 6 of Dathtreya Temple measuring East to West 45 sq.ft and North to South 21.5 sq.ft, totally 967.5 sq.ft consisting of old residential house measuring 1600 sq.ft. & is bounded on

East by : Road
West by : Conservancy Lane
North by : House No.73 falling to the share of S.T. Gururaj Rao
South by : House No.71 belongs to Amaldar Ramaswamaiah (now belongs to D.N. Prasad)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform all and whomsoever it may concern that my client is intending to purchase the schedule property from its present owner **M/s. M. B. R Group A Partnership Firm, Having its Registered Office at: "AMR Tech Park–II", Nos. 23 and 24, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru – 560 068, Represented by its Partner Shri. M. Babu Reddy S/o Shri. A. Munireddy.** Now, my client is intending to avail loan from the Banks / Financial institutions by mortgaging the schedule property.

If any other person/s has/have any manner of right, title, interest, demand, claim, charge or lien over the schedule property, they are hereby requested to file their objections to the Sale transaction & Mortgage of the said property to the Financial Institutions / Banks and shall inform/object the same in writing along with the photocopies of the documents relied for such claim/objections, through the registered post with acknowledgement due to the undersigned **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this notice.

If no valid claim/objection is received by the undersigned as aforesaid, my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule property by availing loan from the Banks / Financial Institutions by mortgaging the schedule property deeming that no one else has/have any manner of right or claim or interest whatsoever over the schedule properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of the residential vacant Site/Plot bearing No.117, having property No.1341/117 (as per Mugaluru Gram Panchayat record) having Unique Identification bearing No.150200102200123825, measuring East to West 12 Mts and North to South 9 Mts, measuring in total 108 square Meters (1163 square feet), carved out of properties more fully mentioned and described in the Schedule 'A' hereabove (Sy.Nos.172/3 & 172/4) and situated in the residential layout known as **"Gem Park Address"** (earlier known as 'Brick Field Gem Park/MBR Group Layout"), at Thindlu and Mahal Chowdadenahalli Villages, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, and is bounded on the: **East by :** Site No.119 **West by :** 9M Wide Road **North by :** Site No.116 **South by :** Site no.118.

Sd/- RAGHAVENDRA P HOGADE
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Date : 02.06.2020 Bangalore

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At your request, the Bank, has extended credit facility to the below mentioned borrower against secured assets through its **B M Road, Bidadi Branch** as under. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement / documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of the title deeds are also furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guideliness issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice dated as mentioned below sent by register AD calling upon you, was unserved/ not acknowledged, this notice is now issued.

A/C No: 37343902018/ DRS

1. Name & Address of the Borrower : Sri. Roysten Adarsh Serrao S/o Lildred Serrao,
residing at a. No 45, 5th Cross, Ashwathkatte Road, Kurunarahalli, Opposite Surya Finance, Bangalore-560086
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NPA Date: 31.03.2020, Demand Notice Date: 06.05.2020

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY **SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing converted Sy No.3 {converted vide order No. A.L.N. (E) SR (Kru.Ho) 181/2008-09, Dated.25/06/2009, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist., Bangalore}, Present BBMP Katha No.109, situated at **Seegehalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** totally measuring 0-11.08 (Eleven & Half) Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on;

East by: Road, **West by:** Remaining Portion in Same Sy No.3; **North by:** Remaining Portion in Same Sy No.3, **South by:** Road.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY

(Description of Undivided Share in the Schedule 'A" property agreed to be sold)

342 Square feet of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership on land of the Schedule "A" property including proportionate share of common areas and other common rights.

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY (Description of Apartment)

A Two Bedroom Apartment/Flat bearing Flat No. 104 in the 1st floor in the residential complex known as "CASA FELIZ" constucted on the schedule "A" property, measuring super built up area of about 1300 Square Feet, which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls and including proportionate share of all common areas, Staircase, Lifts, Open space and other common rights, together with one car parking space in Basement Floor and with 342 Square Feet of undivided share of interest in the Schedule "A" Property.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice/publication, Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13. you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date: 01.06.2020 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA,**
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Appendix – IV-A
[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]

Sale notice for sale of immovable property

E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

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1.	Rs.11,34,000/-	Rs.1,13,400/-	10,000/-	18.06.2020
2.	Rs.11,34,000/-	Rs.1,13,400 /-	10,000/-	18.06.2020

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/SMEC/KOR/EA/YLR/01/2020-2021.

Property No. 1 Shri. R Gopi S/o. J A Ramaswamy

All that piece and parcel of the site bearing No.183, property No.1351/183, measuring 30 feet by 40 feet and situated at SuvarnaBhoomi, Phase-II, Suragajakkanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, bounded by : East by : Road, West : Site No.176, North by : Site No.184, South by : Site No.182

Tender No: SBI/SMEC/KOR/EA/YLR/02/2020-2021.

Property No. 2 Shri. R Gopi S/o. J A Ramaswamy

All that piece and parcel of the site bearing No.184, property No.1351/184, measuring 30 feet by 40 feet and situated at Suvarna Bhoomi, Phase-II, Suragajakkanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, bounded by : East by : Road, West : Site No.175, North by : Site No.185, South by : Site No.183.

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EXPRESS READ

REOPENING

NEED UNIFORM APPROACH FOR REOPENING STORES IN INDIA: RAI

New Delhi: The Retailers Association of India (RAI) on Monday said there is a need for a uniform approach to reopen stores across the country as the directives of Home Ministry are interpreted differently by states, thereby inconveniencing customers and retailers, while continuing to severely impact demand and sales. RAI noted the problem has been compounded by the change in definition of stores; large standalone stores are considered malls in places like Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. "Further, states like Karnataka and Kerala have prohibited stores from operating air-conditioners inside stores," it added.

DISCOMS

FIVE STATES TO EVINCE INTEREST FOR LOANS UNDER ₹90K CR PACKAGE

New Delhi: Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Manipur and Karnataka have evinced interest for taking loan under the `90,000 crore liquidity package for discoms to pay their utilities' outstanding towards gencos, said Ravinder Singh Dhillon while addressing employees after assuming charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of Power Finance Corporation on Monday. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had on May 13 announced `90,000-crore liquidity infusion into cash-strapped power distribution companies (discoms). As on May 13, discoms had a total outstanding of `94,000 crore.

RECRUITMENT

PAYTM MALL TO HIRE 300 STAFF, SHIFTS BASE TO BENGALURU

New Delhi: Paytm Mall said that it will recruit 300 employees across the product and engineering divisions as the company moves its operations from Noida to Bengaluru. Paytm Mall also said that it has appointed Abhishek Ranjan, as its Chief Operating Officer (COO). Ranjan was earlier heading Paytm's travel business. The development comes at a time when there are reports of Paytm Mall's possible merger with e-grocer Grofers being pushed by common investor, SoftBank Group. Vijay Shekhar Sharma-led Paytm Mall also said that it has reduced its cash burn from $17 million to $2 million during the last financial year.

MARKET WATCH

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Moody's lowers India's ratings by one notch

It also maintained a negative outlook citing India's prolonged growth slowdown

ANURADHA SHUKLA @New Delhi

MOODY's Investors Service on Monday downgraded India's rating further by one notch to the lowest investment grade — 'Baa3', citing challenges in implementation of policies, deteriorating fiscal position, and stress in financial sector, maintaining a negative outlook.

"The decision to downgrade India's ratings reflects Moody's view that the country's policymaking institutions will be challenged in enacting and implementing policies which effectively mitigate the risks of a sustained period of relatively low growth, significant further deterioration in the general government fiscal position and stress in the financial sector," the rating agency said in its statement.

The agency added that the negative outlook reflects dominant, mutually-reinforcing, downside risks from deeper stresses in the economy and financial system that could lead to a more severe and prolonged erosion in fiscal strength than Moody's currently projects.

"India faces a prolonged period of slower growth relative to the country's potential, rising debt, further weakening of debt affordability and persistent stress in parts of the financial system, all of which the country's policymaking institutions will be challenged to mitigate and contain," it said, clarifying, that the downgrade was not driven by the impact of the pandemic. The pandemic only amplifies vulnerabilities in India's credit profile "that were present and building prior to the shock, and which motivated the assignment of a negative outlook last year," it warned.

Indian companies borrowing from overseas will have challenges when factoring in the cost. There is also a possibility of other ratings firms following suit which has to be observed

Madan Sabnavis, chief economist, CARE

Experts say that the timing was not fair even as the result was nothing "unexpected".

"Ideally one could have waited for another year before taking such a call as the true picture of any economy would emerge only after this black swan event is behind us," Madan Sabnavis is chief economist at CARE Ratings said.

Despite the government announcing ₹20 lakh crore Aatmnirbhar Bharat relief package, Moody's said it does not expect these measures to restore real GDP growth to rates around 8 per cent, which had seemed within reach just a few years ago. It revised its FY21 GDP estimate for India to 4 per cent contraction.

Sales continue to plummet for carmakers in May

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AFTER dispatching zero vehicles in April, carmakers have a 80-90 per cent year-on-year fall in domestic sales on an avergae in May— a historic low figure — as factories operated at limited capacity and showrooms in majority of cities remained closed.

Total sales of Maruti Suzuki, the country's largest carmaker, fell 86.23 per cent to 18,539 units in May as against 1,34,641 units sold in the same month last year. Domestic sales declined by 88.93 per cent y-o-y to 13,888 units. The company said it has resumed its manufacturing operations post lockdown, in accordance with the government guidelines.

Similarly, Hyundai India also reported 83.8 per cent fall in domestic sales to 6,883 units as against 42,502 units in May 2019. It's total sales, including exports, fell by 78.7 per cent to 12,583 units in May.

While a lot was talked about pent-up demand to boost sales, the scenario on ground was different. Despite OEMs, in partnership with banks, rushed to provide easy financing options, poor economic forecast, record fall in consumption and massive job cuts put off buyers from making big purchases.

Manpower woes

The production loss notwithstanding, MG Motor India's front-end retail operations continue to operate with less-than-normal staff strength, said Rakesh Sidana, director, sales, of the company.

Veejay Nakra, chief executive officer, automotive division, M&M said, "Our performance during May has been muted, due to the challenges the industry is facing. We have opened 70 per cent of our dealerships and sales have begun. We are seeing initial traction for our small commercial vehicles and SUV brands such as the Bolero and Scorpio." Mahindra sold 3,867 units of passenger vehicles last month, down 81 per cent year-on-year. Toyota Kirloskar also reported 86.49 per cent decline in domestic sales at 1,639 units in May.

According to Rakesh Sidana, director, sales, MG Motor India, supply chain disruption coupled with stricter credit financing along with non-operation of some dealerships due to the lockdown have impacted our sales in May. The company on Monday said it has recorded just 710 retail sales in May 2020.

Flipkart to re-apply for food retail license after rejection from DPIIT

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

FLIPKART's food retail ambition has been temporarily halted as the Department of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) disagreed to provide the requisite licenses to e-tailer's retail arm Flipkart FarmerMart. The move follows after the Walmart-owned e-commerce major had filed an application seeking approval for entry to the burgeoning food retail sector in 2019.

DPIIT's rejection of Flipkart's license has reportedly been done on the grounds of its Memorandum of Association that does not allow it to go ahead with food retail business.

Meanwhile, Flipkart said that it will re-apply for the license. "At Flipkart, we believe that technology and innovation-driven marketplace can add significant value to our country's farmers and food processing sector by bringing value chain efficiency and transparency. This will further aid boosting farmers' income and

transform Indian agriculture," the Bengaluru-based e-commerce firm said in a statement.

Kalyan Krishnamurthy, CEO, Flipkart had last year unveiled the company's plan to foray into food retail business by pumping in nearly $258 million through a farm to fork initiative.

The e-tailer added it has been onboarding thousands of farmers, associating with last-mile delivery networks and sell the agriculture produce directly on their e-commerce platforms. The plan was also to strengthen the fresh foods offerings through Walmart wholesale stores.

Currently, the government allows 100 per cent FDI into the food retail. A similar initiative has been undertaken by Amazon's retail vertical, Amazon Retail India Pvt. Ltd after getting a government nod in 2017. So far, Amazon has invested nearly $500 million in its food retail venture and outlined its plans to open a farm collection centre in Pune. Other companies including Zomato, Grofers have also received the regulatory nod from the DPIIT for their food retail operations. However, the authorities are strictly monitoring the operations of these firms to check there are no violations in adhering to the guidelines of acting as just marketplaces for selling products from third party sellers.

Even as the online grocery and fresh foods market in India constitutes only 0.2 per cent of the overall $580 billion retail market in India, the segment is growing at a pace of 55 per cent estimated to touch $10.5 billion by 2023, according to a report by market intelligence firm Redseer.

TETE-A-TETE

'WE'VE PUT ₹8K CR CASH INTO THE HANDS OF FARMERS'

From keeping a crucial supply chain chugging along to putting over ₹8,000 crore cash into the hands of farmers, dairy giant Amul has been able to burnish its reputation for efficiency during the lockdown. On Monday, **Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director** of **TNIE**, and **author and political economy analyst Shankkar Aiyar**, caught up with Amul's Managing Director **RS Sodhi** as part of TNIE's *Express Expressions*, a series of live web casts with people who matter. Excerpts:

How have you managed to keep the supply chain going?
Even if we want to stop the milk supply chain, we can't. In India, milk is a source of livelihood for 100 mn families. So, we communicated to all our stakeholders--we said, keeping the supply running is not only a duty, it is in the national interest. I am very happy to say that the supply was not interrupted for a single minute. And, instead of us approaching the authorities, we were proactively given support by the Ministry of Home Affairs, local administration, etc. But, social permissions were more important for our supply chain partners. For example, some of our distributors had trouble coming back to their villages after distributing milk because some neighbours were raising objections. These problems also had to be dealt with.

How much milk do you procure now?
We collect around 26 million litres of milk per day. Now, we are collecting 15 per cent more. Within the past 60 days, we have put ₹8,000 crore into the rural economy of mainly Gujarat—in cash. Out of that, ₹800 crore was due to extra procurement. Other businesses were declining, but we procured more.

Would this affect your profitability?
There is no loss, because there was no decline in demand for us. In spite of closure of restaurants, household consumption increased later. Whatever we lost in business from restaurants, we made up for from households.

Has your supply chain been affected by cases?
Fortunately, there is no such case till now. In certain villages we procure from, there were positive cases, but we had protocols. We stopped procurement from these places until we were given the green signal from the authorities.

With our PM's focus on farmers, do you see a need for a second White Revolution?
GoI had decided to use ₹15,000 crore for a dairy infrastructure fund. With this, you can build infra for 15 million litres of milk per day. With 1 lakh litres of milk in the organised sector, you can create 6,000 jobs — 5,000 in rural India and 1,000 in supply chain.

With ₹15,000 crore, you can give 30 lakh rural families a permanent stable source of livelihood. Now, there is a lot of migration happening to milk deficit states like Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, etc. If these returning migrant labourers can be included in the milk supply chain, they can be provided with gainful, stable sources of livelihood.

Is Amul seeking a leadership role in driving the White Revolution? RS Sodhi: For rural India, such a revolution is necessary. Agriculture growth is around 3%, but animal husbandry's per annum growth is 14%. It contributes only 4.5% of GDP. There is opportunity here and it is a right decision taken by the GoI.

Is Amul ready to lead it?
Yes... The farmers are ready to lead, and Amul is owned by farmers. So, Amul is ready.

Manufacturing output dips further in May, more cos cutting jobs: PMI

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA's manufacturing activity continue to contracted in May due to weak demand and lockdown, forcing companies to sharply cut jobs, the monthly IHS Markit India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers's Index (PMI) survey said Monday.

Manufacturing PMI stood at just 30.8 in May, marginally improved from from April's 27.4. PMI above 50 means expansion, while a score below that denotes contraction.

"The latest reading pointed to another substantial decline in the health of the Indian manufacturing sector, albeit one that was slightly softer than recorded in April," the survey said, adding that nationwide lockdown, crash in export orders led to the condition.However, more worrisome was fast pace of job cuts.

In May, jobs were cut and at a quicker pace than April's 15-year high, the survey said.

Confidence remain historically subdued

Confidence was supported by expectations for a return to growth once all coronavirus-related restrictions are lifted, the survey said adding that "the degree of positivity eased slightly from April and remained historically subdued

PMI had already been on a downward curve even before the Covid-19 pandemic hit. After hitting an eight-month high of 55.3 in January, output had fallen to 51.8 in March.

"The further reduction in May highlights the challenges that businesses might face in the recovery from this crisis, with demand remaining subdued while the longevity of the pandemic remains uncertain," said Elliot Kerr, economist at IHS Markit.

The PMI survey however showed that manufacturers remained optimistic towards the one-year business outlook in May.

EMERGENCY CREDIT SCHEME

Indian Bank offers credit facility for MSMEs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

CHENNAI-based Indian Bank has introduced a special product 'Guaranteed Emergency Credit Line Scheme' (GECLS) for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) hit hard by the coronavirus-induced lockdown.

Under the GECLS scheme, MSME borrowers with up to ₹25 crore of total borrowing can avail an additional 20 per cent of the loan outstanding from bank, excluding off-balance sheet and non-fund based exposures, as on February 29, 2020, i.e., loan of up to ₹5 crore.

According to Indian bank, the application process for this scheme has also been simplified. Interested entities may apply online by logging on to the website of the bank or by contacting the branch directly. The eligible application will be processed within six days on the receipt of the application by the branch with NIL processing charge.

The scheme was announced on May 26 under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan to help MSMEs meet their working capital needs.

MID-SUV SEGMENT

Kia unveils new Seltos to take on Hyundai Creta

BINITA JAISWAL @Chennai

KIA Motors India on Monday launched the newer and advanced version of Seltos, equipped with 10 novel features. With the refreshed and feature packed model, the carmaker aims to strengthen its position in the country's mid-SUV segment.

The South Korean automobile manufacturer entered Indian market in 2019 with Seltos as its first product. Within a year, Kia has launched its advance version to keep the interest of customers intact in the model. It is likely that Seltos has been upgraded to pose a challenge to Hyundai's Creta, which has gained popularity after its launch earlier this year.

The refreshed Seltos now comes equipped with 10 novel and exciting features, encompassing the facets of safety, convenience, connectivity and design. Along with featurrs like Emergency Stop Signal, Smart Key Remote Engine Start, the sunroof is also now available in lower variants too. The price of the model starts at ₹9. 89 lakh.

Further, based on market research and customer preference, the company has announced to discontinue its two variants of — Smartstream Petrol 1.4T-GDI GTK and GTX 7DCT.

Kookhyun Shim, MD & CEO, Kia Motors India said, "The Seltos marked the arrival of the Kia brand in India and it has been a true game-changer in the Indian automobile industry. With the refreshed Seltos, Kia Motors India makes India's favourite SUV even more attractive. The Seltos enabled us to address all the unmet needs of the segment, and with the next-gen technology in the refreshed Seltos, we are confident we will deliver customer delight that is unparalleled."

Shim added, "We have innovated to ensure the safety of our customers during these unprecedented conditions, as well as that of our employees, business associates and staff at our dealer and service network."

Boxing body names Amit and Vikas for Khel Ratna

Amit Panghal and Vikas Krishan Yadav were nominated for Khel Ratna by Boxing Federation of India. Lovlina Borgohain (69kg), Simranjit Kaur (64kg) and Manish Kaushik (63kg) were nominated for Arjuna Award. For Dronacharya Award, BFI has finalised the names of national women's coach Mohammed Ali Qamar and assistant coach Chhote Lal Yadav.

Hockey players pass, athletes jog

Acclimatisation for track & field team, hockey squads begin training

INDRANEEL DAS & SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

AFTER more than two months of not wielding their hockey sticks, both the men's and women's teams were finally allowed to use the turf at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) campus in Bengaluru on Monday. But their first training session came with a heavy caveat. The only hockey-based drills the players were allowed were passing and receiving.

In all, about 25 players — comprising both the men's and women's squads — accessed the turf. The rest, interestingly, were given training drills in the football ground. On Tuesday, there will be a reversal of roles; the ones who were put through soft training drills will be allowed access to the turf while the ones who had pass and receive exercises will be taken to the football field. It's likely that this module will continue for the time being. Keeping in mind the times that we live in, the turf was sanitised at regular intervals on Monday. The coaches, however, weren't allowed to leave their dugouts.

The hockey sides are one of the first national teams to get back to training after the government announced a nationwide lockdown to control the virus in the last week of March. However, international hockey teams — Netherlands and Belgium — already returned to training a couple of weeks ago. It remains to be seen when the national teams will be given the green light for full contact training.

BADMINTON TRAINING ON HOLD

Badminton Association of India's (BAI) plans to bring back some of the elite shuttlers on court from June 1 has been put on hold after failing to get permission from the Telangana government. As reported by this daily, PV Sindhu, B Sai Praneeth and those in with a chance to qualify for 2021 Tokyo Olympics were expected to start training at Gopichand Badminton Academy from the aforementioned date. "We were planning to start but we couldn't. We have time in hand but we can't take too long to begin. I'm ready to start when we get the permission," Praneeth said.

Familiarisation for athletes

Even the athletes stuck in Patiala and Bengaluru (race walkers, long distance runners) have started jogging and walking around the track and field complex in small batches. Their target right now is to get fit. Training will take at least 10 days to start.

According to Athletics Federation of India president Adille Sumariwalla athletes have been asked to go around the stadium, walk and jog. "It is more as a familiarisation and acclimatisation exercise," said Sumariwalla. "They have been in their rooms for so many days without much exercise so it would not be prudent to straight away start training."

The federation is being updated on a daily basis. "I have told my athletes that they should just come out and enjoy," he said. "We will start training only after the athletes are physically, mentally and emotionally ready. Our coaches and the high performance director (Volker Herrmann) decided that right now we will try and make them get back to fitness."

The one place where athletes are training without any concern or scare of coronavirus is in Wellington near Ooty. The steeplechase team of five, including Olympic bound Avinash Sable, Parul Choudhury, Durga Bahadur Buddha, are having a much better time at the high altitude centre compared to those training in Patiala and Bengaluru. Training under coach Amrish Kumar the athletes are much more relaxed as there is just one active case of coronavirus in the hill district of The Nilgiris.

EXPRESS READ

Bumrah wants saliva alternative

NEW DELHI: Jasprit Bumrah feels an alternative should be provided to maintain the red cherry. "The only thing that interests me is the saliva bit. I don't know what guidelines we'll have to follow when we come back, but I feel there should be an alternative," he said.

Virat and Rohit a defining pair: Sanga

NEW DELHI: The duo of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma is a special one for India, says Kumar Sangakkara. "There is something very special about Virat and Rohit. Run-scoring might have become slightly easier in one-day cricket, but it's incredibly hard, the volume of cricket India athletes play."

Catch them young, teach them online

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

IT is too early for wrestlers and judokas to start training at national camps, given that their respective disciplines fall under the 'contact sports' category. In the standard operating procedures (SOP) issued by the Sports Authority of India (SAI), though, there are guidelines for resumption of training in these sports. Some of them seem impractical for elite athletes preparing for international events like the Olympics.

Given the situation they are in, the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) and Judo Federation of India (JFI) along with SAI decided to target beginners by launching an e-learning programme called e-Pathshala on Monday. This online coaching and education programme for wrestling and judo has around 1,000 grassroots-level athletes and coaches in each discipline.

"In the first phase, we will teach basics of wrestling to aspirants between eight and 12 years of age. NIS Patiala chief wrestling coach OP Yadav along with two assistant coaches taught them warm-up exercises and their importance on Monday. They will be taught basic wrestling moves on Tuesday," one of the coaches, who attended the online session, told this daily.

While the first phase will last four days, the next one will be designed for a developmental squad. "We don't need basic equipment like mats and dummies for the beginners, but for the developmental squad, we will use these equipment for advance training. Coaches can demonstrate moves by using dummies in the next phase," added the coach.

JFI's online class will be held for 15 days. "We cannot resume the national camp due to social distancing norms and other difficulties. This online programme will be helpful for the beginners. We can start online classes for elite athletes once we are done with this," said Man Mohan Jaiswal, JFI's secretary-general.

Programme launched

Sports minister Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the e-Pathshala programme for young archers at a webinar on Monday. It was attended by archery coaches and experts. The programme will cover 21 disciplines including wrestling, judo and archery. Online classes will be seen by a committee of sports scientists, high-performance directors and high-performance managers.

Clarke to leave, no foreign coach for TT players

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

INDIA'S junior table tennis coach Brett Clarke is set to leave after his contract with Sports Authority of India (SAI) got over in June. During his tenure, he not only managed the junior team but was also part of a few senior team assignments because India does not have a chief foreign coach.

The Australian's departure would mean there are no foreign coaches at the Table Tennis Federation of India's (TTFI) disposal. And it does not seem likely that a fresh appointment will be made anytime soon due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the table tennis calendar.

The TTFI had earlier planned to recruit a coach after talking to certain candidates during the World Championships. The option it is currently considering is that of Yin Wei, who was enlisted for the Coal India-SAI National Table Tennis Academy in Kolkata. "We might ask Yin. Hiring a new coach amid this pandemic is not easy. So we might consider him for the role," a top TTFI official told this daily.

In his previous stint in India, the Chinese was coach at the Petroleum Sports Promotion Board Academy's set-up in Ajmer, up where he trained talents such as Soumyajit Ghosh and Harmeet Desai. This could work in his favour, but age might be a factor if he does attend the national camp once it is held.

Sharath Kamal

The SAI's SOP clearly states nobody above 65 will be allowed.

Senior players like A Sharath Kamal applauded Clarke's services while maintaining the need for a coach, especially with the Olympics coming up next year. "Brett was a good coach who helped both seniors and juniors. He was there when I won the Oman Open as well. It will be a loss. We need a coach so hopefully, someone will be appointed soon or maybe the responsibility will be given to someone else," he said.

Since Massimo Costantini left his job as chief coach in 2018, Indian coaches like Soumyadeep Roy, Arup Basak and a couple of others have been helping by filing in the gap. "It will not be easy to get a coach currently. If the federation gives us the responsibility, we can definitely be of use. We know the system and the entire Indian coaches' ecosystem will also benefit," Roy said.

Top Indian players are currently at home and do not want to venture out for any camp considering the rise in the number of coronavirus cases.

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The Tenders for the following works are invited through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka(Viz.www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) **Name of work: (1) Improvement to Uchila - Mudarangady Two lane Road Km. 0.00 to 2.60 in Udupi Taluk.** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 185.36 Lakhs, EMD Rs. 2,78,100/-**. Last date for Submission of tender in Eprocurement: **15.06.2020**. Eligible Tenderer: **Class-3 & Above**.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/UDP/MCA/79/20-21 dt. 1.6.20 P.W.P and I.W.T. Dept.,Udupi Division, Udupi

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer Project (West) Division, Joint Commissioner (West) Office Premises, 2nd Floor, Sampige Road, Seshadripuram, Bangalore-20

No.: EE/P-W/TEND/04/2020-21 Date : 28-05-2020

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Two Cover System) (Through GoK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Project (West) Division, BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP invites tenders from eligible contractors for the below mentioned works.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Appx. Amount Put to tender (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Construction of School and Anganawadi School Building in Doddabelavangala Grama Panchayath Limits Annexure 5 Sl.No.17 (Standard Bid Document: KW-3)	84.20	2,00,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **02.06.2020. (2)** Date of submission of tender through e-procurement portal: **15.06.2020 upto 4.00 PM. (3)** Date of Pre-bid meeting: **10.06.2020 at 3.30 PM at above office. (4)** Date of opening of Technical Bid: **18.06.2020 at 4.30 PM at above office. (5)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **22.06.2020 at 4.30 PM if possible.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project (West) Division

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MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION & G.W.D DIVISION, TUMKUR
Ref No.15/2020-21 KW-1,2,3 & 4 (SINGLE & TWO COVER SYSTEM "E" PROCUREMENT DT. 28.05.2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
Dated: 28.05.2020

On behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of State of Karnataka, as per K.T.P.P act with latest amendments, Item wise "e"-procurement tenders are invited for the works mentioned under H/A: 4702- SCP, 4702- TSP and 4702-Pradhana from the elgible contractors of suitable category registered under KPWD/ MI. Tender publishing details are as given below.

(1) Tender will be published through e-procurement on: Dated: **05.06.2020**. **(2)** Last date of queries on Dated: 12.06.2020 at 16.00 Hours. **(3)** Last date for Receipt of completed tenders through e-procurement portal may be uploaded before 17.00 Hours on Dated: **12.06.2020. (4)** Pre bid meeting will be opened on Dated: **10.06.2020** at 11.00 Hours. **(5)** Technical Bid will be opened on Dated: **15.06.2020** at 18.00 Hours. **(6)** Financial Bid will be opened on Dated: **20.06.2020** at 11.00 Hours. For further details, visit e-procurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or from the office undersigned, on working days. If the office happens to be closed on dates above as specified, the next working day at the same time and venue will be considered.

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I & G.W.D DIVISION, TUMKUR
DIPR/TUM/71/MCA/2020-21

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
OFFICE OF THE, Executive Engineer, KNNL, HBC Divn., Athani – 591304, Tq: Athani. Dist: Belgaum (Karnataka).
No. EE/KNNL/HBC/PB//TND/Consultancy//2020-21/ 339 Date : 27.05.2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement only)

Percentage tender through e-procurement platform are invited by the under signed on behalf of the M D KNNL Bangalore-01 From Registered Consultancy Agency empaneled with KNNL for the work of "Consultancy services for the preparation of DPR for construction of barrage across Krishna river near Awarkhod village in Athani Taluka. Belagavi District." Single cover system (as per KTTP act 2000) The blank tender documents can be obtained through website www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam.

The approximate estimated cost of work is Rs 29.00 Lakhs

1	The contractor can request for e-tendering documents	From 01.06.2020 @ 10.30 AM to 10.06.2020. upto 4.00 PM
2	Last date & time for tender queries	06.06.2020 upto 4.00 PM
3	Submission of completed e-tendering document	10.06.2020 upto 4.00 PM
4	Opening of Financial Bid at (EE KNNL, HBC Division, Atahni)	12.06.2020@ 11.00 AM

Any other information can be had from the undersigned during the office hours on telephone: 08289-251034 and H.P company helpline 080-22485867

Sd/-xx K K Jaliberi, Executive Engineer, KNNL HBC Division, Athani.

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT OF SHOW CAUSE (SCR, ORDER XXII)
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDCITION
PETITION FOR SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) No(s) 26009-26031 OF 2018
With I.A. No.47543/2019
APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Bangalore Development Authority
...Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s)
V/s
V.A. Narasimha Reddy (Dead) By LR.S And Another
... Respondent (s)

To,
1. B.N. Anitha W/o. B.V. Naveen R/At No.226, B.M. Kaval, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, District-Bangalore, Karnataka
PID:41560/2020 for R(23) in SLP(C) No.26009-26031/2018 (SEC IV-A)
2. B.V. Preveen S/o. B.V. Chalam, R/At No.226, B.M. Kaval, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, District-Bangalore, Karnataka
PID:41561/2020 for R(24) in SLP(C) No.26009-26031/2018 (SEC IV-A)
3.Meenakshi W/o. V.Raveen, R/ At No.226, B.M. Kaval, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, District-Bangalore, Karnataka
PID:41562/2020 for R(25) in SLP(C) No.26009-26031/2018 (SEC IV-A)

Whereas the Petition for SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) above-mentioned (copy enclosed) filed in the Registry by Mr. Ankur S.Kulkarni, advocate on-record, on behalf of the Petitioner(s) above named, was listed for hearing before the Court on **05th October 2018** and the Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

"Issue notice"

AND WHEREAS, the matter above-mentioned was listed before **Hon'ble Judge in Chambers on 18th February, 2020,** When the following order was passed:-

"I.A. No.187351/2019

Heard learned counsel for the applicant/petitioner. Application is allowed and consequently respondent Nos. 12 to 15 will be recorded as the legal representatives of deceased respondent No.11.

I.A. No.1502/2020

Heard learned counsel for the applicant/petitioner. Application is allowed. The petitioner to carry out paper publication in the "Indian Express" English Daily (Bangalore Edition) and "Kannada Prabha" Kannada Daily (Bangalore Edition) and produce the proof of publication within four weeks"

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above matter(s) will be posted for hearing before the Court in due course when you may appear before this Court either in person or through an advocate-on-record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf within thirty days from the date of service of notice. You may thereafter show cause to the Court on the day that may subsequently be specified as to why special leave and interim relief, as prayed for, be not granted and the resultant appeal be not allowed.

You may file your affidavit in opposition to the petition as provided under Rule VI of Order XXII, SCR 2013, within thirty days from the date of receipt of notice or not later than two weeks before the date appointed for hearing, whichever be earlier, but shall do so only by setting out the grounds in opposition to the questions of law or grounds set out in the SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) and may produce such pleadings and documents filed before the Court against whose order the SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) is filed and shall also set out the grounds for not granting interim order or for vacating interim order if already granted.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance, as aforesaid, no further notice shall be given to you even after the grant of special leave for hearing of the resultant appeal and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
COIMBATORE (CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE

T.N. No.4 / 2020-21 / HDO, Dated 29.05.2020.

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Scheduled tender through online only** will be received up to **15.07.2020, 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Coimbatore Circle for **Contingency fund 2019-20 (1 work)** pertaining **Coimbatore (H) C&M Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** from **10.06.2020.** If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H)
C&M, Coimbatore Circle.

DIPR/1996/Tender/2020

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Madurai (Construction & Maintenance) Circle
TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No. 05 / 2020-21 / HDO / Dated 28.05.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender through online only** will be received upto **07.07.2020 at 14.00 hours** by the **Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Madurai Circle** under **CRIDP 2020-21, (Package No.49 to Package No.76)** pertaining **Sivagangai and Ramanathapuram (H) C&M Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **05.06.2020** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes/ Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer(H)
C&M, Madurai Circle.

DIPR/1999/TENDER/2020

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Tajunnisa Tajuddin, aged about 42 years, W/o. Said Abdulla Said Almaawali R/at # 204, 2nd Floor, White Petals Apartment, BDS Nagar, 8th Cross, K. Narayanapura Main Road, Bengaluru-560077, have changed my son name from **LUQMAN SAID ABDULLA to LUQMAN SAID ABDULLAH ALMAAWALI** vide affidavit dated 10-10-2018 sworn before notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ABDUL HAYATH SAB (OLD NAME), Resident of No. 13, Bettadasanapura Road, Mahalakshminagar, Vittasandra Village, Begur Bengaluru-560114, have changed my name to **HAYATH SAHEB HAMPASAGARA (NEW NAME)** vide affidavit 01/06/2020 before Notary Prakash C, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRADEEP NANJUNDAPPA**, son of S. Nanjundappa, aged about 43 years, residing at No. 16, Gangamma Temple Street, Jori pet, Bangalore - 560002, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRADEEPA. N** to **PRADEEP NANJUNDAPPA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **PRADEEP NANJUNDAPPA** for all purposes, vide Affidavit dated 07-03-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **AMBUJAKSHI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMED ISMAIL BAMBAIKAR HAMEED,** S/o Bombay Abdul Hameed, age 55 years, R/a Flat #E1, Cascade Residency, Bhora Layout, Gottigere, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-83 Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BOMBAY HAMEED MOHAMMED ISMAIL** to **MOHAMMED ISMAIL BAMBAIKAR HAMEED**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **MOHAMMED ISMAIL BAMBAIKAR HAMEED** only, vide affidavit dated 29th May 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.G. Venkataramu** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SATHYANARAYANA G.,** S/o Late Govindaiah, age 44 years, R/at No. 8, Arokya Nilaya, 18th A Cross, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Bengaluru-24 do hereby declare that I both the names of my minor elder son, i.e. **NISHITH SHRIHARI S.** and **VIRANTH SAGAR VISHNU** are one and the same and belongs to my elder son only. Henceforth he shall be known and called as **VIRANTH SAGAR VISHNU** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 5th Feb. 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANTONY SYLESH,** Son of C Anthoni Doss, residing at No. 42, Grace Villa, 3rd B Cross, 1st Stage, Vinayaka Layout, Kempapura Hebbal, Bangalore North, H A Farm Post, Bengaluru-560024, have changed my name to **TONY SYLESH A** vide affidavit Dated 01/06/2020 sworn before Notary Vijayalakshmi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Service No.203967N, Rank: Ex-PO, Ganga Singh have changed my **Minor** Daughter's Name **(Old Name) RITHIKA SINGH,** Aged 17 years, Residing @ # S-13, Amity Shelters, 4th Cross, Sathya Sai Badavane, Kodipalya, Kengeri, Bengaluru -560060. Shall henceforth be known as **(NEW NAME) RITHIKA GANGA SINGH** vide affidavit dated: 20/03/2020 before Notary A.Gerard, Govt of Karnataka.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KALAVATHI DHANALAKSHMAIAH,** wife of Pradeep Nanjundappa, aged about 37 years, residing at No. 16, Gangamma Temple Street, Jori pet, Bangalore -560002, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KALA .D** to **KALAVATHI DHANALAKSHMAIAH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **KALAVATHI DHANALAKSHMAIAH** for all purposes, vide Affidavit dated 07-03-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **AMBUJAKSHI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DATTU PANCHAL,** S/o Baburao, age 18 years, R/at No. 47, 4th Floor, 18th A Cross, 3rd Main, Vigneshwara Nagar, Hoysala Nagar, Ramamurthynagar, Bengaluru-560 016, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **DATTU** to **DATTU PANCHAL.** Henceforth I shall be known and called as **DATTU PANCHAL** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 19th May 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.G. VENKATARAMU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Syed Junaid** S/o. Syed Hyder Ali, R/at. No.2/32, Mosque Road, Bismillah Nagar, Bengaluru-560029. have changed my name from **SYED JUNAID.H** to **SYED JUNAID** vide affidavit dated 20.03.2020 Sworn to before Notary Prakash.C, Bengaluru-560079.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(Old Name) MAHESWARI,** W/o. No. 203967N, Rank: Ex-PO, Ganga Singh, Aged 55 years, Residing @ # S-13, Amity Shelters, 4th Cross, Sathya Sai Badavane, Kodipalya, Kengeri, Bengaluru-560060. Shall henceforth be known as **(NEW NAME) MAHESWARI GANGA SINGH** vide affidavit dated: 23/03/2020 before Notary A.Gerard, Govt of Karnataka.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHAIKH NOOR MOHAMMAD,** S/o Sadik Vali B., age 42 years, R/a # S2, 5/1, 1, 2nd C Main, Kushal Nagar, Kadugondanahalli, Bengaluru-560 045, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NOOR MOHAMMAD** to **SHAIKH NOOR MOHAMMAD,** Henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHAIKH NOOR MOHAMMAD** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 29th May 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.G. VENKATARAMU** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SATHYANARAYANA G.,** S/o Late Govindaiah, age 44 years, R/at No. 8, Arokya Nilaya, 18th A Cross, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Bengaluru-24 do hereby declare that I both the names of my minor younger son, i.e. **PARINITH S.** and **NIRANTH SAGAR VISHNU** are one and the same and belongs to my younger son only. Henceforth he shall be known and called as **NIRANTH SAGAR VISHNU** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 5th Feb. 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUMAYYA INDIKAR,** W/o. Mehaboob.Y.Indikar, R/at. No.32, 1st Cross, Kempaiah Block, Opp. C.J.J.A Church, Muniredy Palya, J.C.Nagar, Bengaluru-560006. have changed my name from **PAVANA KOUTAL** to **SUMAYYA INDIKAR** vide affidavit dated: 01.06.2020, Sworn to before Notary Prakash.C, Bengaluru-560079.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued by I, Shri Madhukar G. Angur. S/o Late Guddappa Basappa Angur, r/a No.1128, 21st A Cross, 14th Main, HSR 3rd Sector, HSR Layout, BDA Complex, Bangalore South-560102 to notify to the general public that on 27-5-2020 had lost my Share Certificates along with some other documents while travelling within Bangalore locality.The same was brought to the notice of the jurisdictional police within Bangalore to traceflocate the same. The details of Share Certificates that I have lost are as follows:

Folio No.	Certificate No.	Distinctive Numbers	No. of Shares
03	Sp7	From A125001 To A172500	47,500

Hence, we wish to request the general public that, in the event of finding the above said share certificates, etc., please inform to my address above or to handover the said documents to any Bangalore police station.Hence, this is an appeal to the public.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients 1) Smt.LAKSHMAMMA, W/o. Late Muniyappa, 2) Smt. Kamalamma, D/o Late Muniyappa, 3) Sri.Venkata Pathi, S/o. Late Muniyappa, 4) Smt.Harshitha @ Architha.V, D/o Venkata Pathi, & 5) Chethan, S/o. Venkata Pathi, All are R/at. Kumbena Agrahara Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, has cancelled the General Power of Attorney Dated: 12-07-2017, Vide Reg.No. MDP-4-00162/2017-18, C.D.No.MDPD210, Book-IV, Registered before the Sub-Registrar Mahadevapura, Bangalore executed by them in favour of **M/s.KMK Developers Pvt Ltd.,** Having its registered office at No.845, 5th Cross Road, 10th Main Road, Indiranagar, Bangalore, represented by its authorized signatory **Sri.Manjunatha Reddy,** S/o. Late N.Narayana, R/at.No.23, K.R.Colony, Domluru Layout, Bangalore-560 071, in respect of Land measuring 16 Guntas, in Sy.No.67/B, situated at Dommasandra village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. In this regard my clients were also issued legal notice Dated:24-09-2019 to said **M/s. KMK Developers Pvt Ltd.,** about cancellation of said GPA Dated:12-07-2017 as required under law. My clients inform to the general public that not to enter any transactions with said **M/s. KMK Developers Pvt Ltd.,** in respect of the above property in view of the cancellation of GPA Dated:12-07-2017. If anybody has entered into any transactions in respect of the schedule property with said **M/s. KMK Developers Pvt Ltd.,** the same are not binding on my clients.

E.Venkatarami Reddy - Advocate
No.4/2, 2nd floor, Shamsuddin Block, HHS & HMS Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road, Cubbonpet, Bangalore-560002.

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ, ಕಂಭಾವಿ, ಕಂಭಾವಿ ಹಳೇ ಬಸ್ ನಿಲ್ದಾಣದ ಹತ್ತಿರವಿರುವ ವಿಳಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಪ್ರಸಾದ್‌ರವರ ಮಗನಾದ **ಕಿಶೋರ್ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ** ಆದ ನಾನು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ಕೆಳಗೆ ವಿವರಿಸಿರುವ ಪಿಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಆದರ ಮಾಲೀಕರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ತುಳಸಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ದೊಡ್ಡಪ್ಪ, ವಯಸ್ಸು 50 ವರ್ಷ, ವಿಳಾಸ ಗೌತಮ್ ಕಾಲೋನಿ, ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ ಟೌನ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ-562114 ಇವರುಗಳಿಂದ ಕ್ರಯಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಂಡುಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿ ಮಾರಾಟ ಒಪ್ಪಂದವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಯಾವುದೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ/ಗಳಿಗೆ ಪಿಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕ್ಲೇಮು, ಹಕ್ಕುಚ್ಯುತಿಕ್ಕೆ, ತಂಟೆ ತಕರಾರುಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರುಗಳು ತಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಸೂಕ್ತ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲಿಖಿತ ಮುಖೇನ ನನ್ನ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಳಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಗೊಂಡ **07 ದಿನಗಳ** ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ನಿಗಧಿತ ಸಮಯದೊಳಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಂಟೆ ತಕರಾರುಗಳು ಬಾರದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಮಾರಾಟ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದುವರೆಸುತ್ತಾರೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಯತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ತದನಂತರ ಬಂದೆಂತಹ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಂಟೆ ತಕರಾರುಗಳಿಗೆ ನಾನಾಗಲೀ ನನ್ನ ಕುಟುಂಬದವರಾಗಲೀ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರರಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಪಿಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತು

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LOST NOTICE

That is to in from the General police that our client **Mr.Ravi,** at : 103, 3rd Cross, Bhumika Layout, Sedadahalli, Bangalore-90, has lost original document if

1. Sale deed Dated: 27.01.2012, Registered No: MDL-1-05287/2011-12 C.D.No.MDLD96 in the office of the Sub Register Madanayakanahalli.
2. Original Cheque Leafs, Pass Book, Corporation Bank, Chikkabanavara Branch, Bangalore. A/c No. 520101045228430.
3. Original Voter I.D.No:XMK5078316.

Sd/- Manjunath.S.D, Advocate, No.4602, High Point 4, Palace Road, Bangalore-1. **Mob: 9448861827**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that my client **Mr. N. IRSHAD AHMED** S/o Late Abdul Rasheed, aged about 53 years, residing at No.401, Rayyan Apartments, No.34/2, Cockburn Road, Shivajinagar, BANGALORE- 560 051, is the absolute owner of the Back Portion of the Comprised Immovable Residential Property Land and building (earlier known as all the rear portion of the main building with small compound on the North West and South) Now bearing New Municipal Corporation No.34/2, Old No.24. Situated at Cockburn Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560 051 in BBMP Ward No.79 Unique PID No.79-117-34/2.

That my client has lost the original document i.e., Gift Deed during in transit in Narayana Pillai Street, Bhartinagar Bangalore to obtain Xerox Copies on 26.05.2020, Vide Registered Document as No.SHV-1-00813-200 CD. No. SHVD 101 of Book-1, Dated 01-09-2008, Registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar Shivajinagar, Bangalore.

Accordingly the police complaint has lodged at the Bhartinagar Police Station Bangalore on 30.05.2020 to that effect. Hence the General Public are hereby informed that if any one finds the said original document of the schedule property, they may be returned to the undersigned or to my client, for which suitably rewarded, or if any person having asserting any right, title or interest may lodge their claim with documentary proof to the undersigned within **seven (7) days** from this day hereof, where after, no such claims or objections will be entertained.

HAFEEZULLA KHAN M., ARIFULLA KHAN, Advocates
11/9, Bowring Hospital Road, Shivajinagar, BANGALORE-560 001.
(M) 94480 71528, 94491 08941
Dated: 01.06.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Indian Partnership Act, public notice is hereby given that the partnership formed under the laws of Indian Partnership Act by and between **Sri. Gopalakrishnan. K. E.** S/o K. R. Eshwaran, ("Partner One") and **Smt. Kasturi. A** W/o S. K. Raju ("Partner Two") and **Smt. Prathibha. K. B,** D/o Basavaraju K. N (Partner Three) doing business in the name and style of M/s **MARUTHI DAIRY** having its registered address at No. 238, 1st C Cross, 2nd Main, East of NGEF Layout, Kasturinagar, Bangalore-560 043 and having farm/dairy at C/o Basavaraju. K. N. Jyothimallapura, T. Kodihalli Post, Arasikere Taluk, Hassan District (the "Partnership") has been dissolved by mutual consent of its partners as of 20th Day of March 2020 and the third partner i.e. **Smt. Prathibha. K. B,** D/o Basavaraju K. N shall continue the business as sole proprietor of the M/s **MARUTHI DAIRY** having its dairy and registered address at C/o Basavaraju. K. N. Jyothimallapura, T. Kodihalli (Post), Arasikere Taluk, Hassan District.

The general public is hereby intimated that Gopalakrishnan. K. E. S/o K. R. Eshwaran, ("Partner One") and Smt. Kasturi. A W/o S. K. Raju ("Partner Two") are exonerated/absolved of all the liabilities of the firm herein before or hereinafter and the continuing partner Smt. Prathibha. K. B, D/o Basavaraju K. N as a sole proprietor of the M/s MARUTHI DAIRY has assumed all the outstanding liabilities of the said business incurred both heretobefore and hereafter and she is entitled to all the assets of the said business of Maruthi Dairy situated at C/o Basavaraju. K. N. Jyothimallapura, T. Kodihalli (Post), Arasikere Taluk, Hassan District take notice accordingly.

NAGABHUSHANA & ASSOCIATES Advocates, No. 558, 2nd Floor, 52nd Cross, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Near Rama Mandir Temple, Bangalore-560 010.

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd, Below Mentioned Branch's** for an below mentioned amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

MarathaHalli Branch

1.Name and Address of the Borrower: (1) Sri. M Narayana Reddy S/o Muniyappa, # 09, Ayyappa Layout, Thippasandra Road, Varthur, Bangalore – 560 087, **(2) Smt. Sahana N Reddy** W/o Narayana Reddy, # 09, Ayyappa Layout, Thippasandra Road, Varthur, Bangalore – 560 087 **Personal guarantee of Sri. Venugopala M** S/o Muniyappa, No.325,Ramagondanahalli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore – 560 086

Demand Notice : 15-05-2019 **Possession Notice: 29.05.2020**

Balance outstanding: Rs.1,55,05,600/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty five Lakh Five Thousand Six Hundred Only) as on 07-05-2019 plus interest from 08-05-2019 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

Description of the property: (Details Of Hypothecated Assets And Details Of Mortgaged Properties Of The Borrower): All that piece and parcel of the property site bearing No.09, formed out of Sy No.98/2, (Old Sy No.98) measuring Twenty Guntas land, which is duly converted from agricultural user to non-agricultural residential user vide the orders of the Deputy commissioner passed in Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (EVH) SR/132/2012-13 dated 24-07-2012 having BBMP Katha No.1421, Municipal No.38, Situated at Sri Ayappa Layout, Varthur village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now within the limits of the BBMP ward No.149- Varthur, measuring East to West 42 feet and North to South 55 feet totally 2310Sq feet out of twenty guntas and building thereon and bounded on :- East by : Road, West by : Site No.08, North by : 30 Feet wide road, South by : Property of Ramesh.

2.Name and Address of the Borrower: (1). Sri. L. Srinivasa Reddy S\o Mr. Lakshmaiah Reddy N, No.114, Lakshadeep Complex, Marathahalli Main Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore -560037.**(2). N. Rashmi** W\O Sri. L. Srinivasa Reddy,114, Lakshadeep Complex, Marathahalli Main Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore -560037.

Demand Notice : 29-11-2019 **Possession Notice: 29.05.2020**

Balance outstanding: Rs:1,53,52,212/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Three Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand and Two hundred and Twelve Only) as on 27.11.2019 plus interest from 28.11.2019 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

Description of the property: (Details Of Hypothecated Assets And Details Of Mortgaged Properties Of The Borrower): All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing New No 114 & Sl. No 2098 old property No.42/01 situated at Marathalli village Varthur Hobli Bangalore East Taluk Presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP bearing katha No 114/42/1 ward No 86 marathahalli measuring East to West: on the Northern side 42.03 feet & on the Southern Side 6.5 + 29.11 feet & North to South: on the Eastern side 76.06 feet on the Western Side 69.09 feet total measuring about 2743 sq feet along with building thereon bounded on. East by : Common Passage (measuring 8.1 + 0.9 + 8.5 / 02 feet x 27.8 +49.6+76.6/2 feet there after property of Ramareddy & his brothers), West by : Property of Ramareddy & sons, North by : Marathalli Main Road, South by : Property of N Lakshmaiah reddy.

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Moon landing

Surveyor 1, the first in a series of seven US missions to the moon that preceded Apollo, landed on this day in 1966

OBJECTIVES

The mission's objectives were to soft land on the moon and to collect information on the lunar regolith. This spacecraft carried only a television camera system

LANDING SITE

Surveyor 1 landed on a relatively smooth mare surface in Oceanus Procellarum. This is also one of the areas identified by Project Constellation as a high-priority target for future human lunar exploration

MISSION COMPLETE

Surveyor 1 completed its primary mission on July 14, 1966, after transmitting, in addition to the television pictures, data on the bearing strength, temperatures, and radar reflectivity of the moon

Krishna ready to shoot for Love Mocktail 2

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WORSHIP WORRIES

Touch-free prasada distribution at temples, three individuals per bench at churches and an Imam at mosques overseeing social distancing rules... It's time for devotees to get ready for this new normal

3

Muneef Khan and Vidya Iyengar

It's time devotees get ready to see hand sanitisers and temperature guns getting as, if not more, prominence as prasada and kumkum in temples. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's initial announcement about the reopening of places of worship on June 1, was later shifted to June 8, leaving many priests and devotees in a state of confusion. However, there seems to be clear thinking in everyone's minds that worship is not going to be the same affair as before.

On Monday, the Bull Temple and Dodda Ganapathi temple in Basvanagudi wore an empty look with a few devotees enquiring about the goings-on. "I've been coming here for a few weeks even though the temple if not open for poojas," said Padma, an elderly woman who hopes the temple will open on June 8.

While permissions have been granted to start in a week, the ISKCON temple may not open until the second or third week of this month. Working out the logistics of running the temple, Naveena Neerada Dasa, Head – Strategic Communications & Projects, says more time is required to ensure smooth running of practices. "We are trying to make the public visit as contactless as possible, for which planning and work are in progress. We are chalking out squares for social distancing, putting in place a wash facility for hands and feet, and working on making prasada distribution a touch-free experience. The number of people allowed to enter at any particular time may also be restricted," says Dasa.

Meanwhile, the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Temple on Commercial Street, which was once a bustling space, opened its doors tentatively, ready with sanitisers. "We had only about 10 visitors the entire day," says Srikanth, the priest, who opened the temple after over two months on Monday. "We are still awaiting details from the government to decide how we will operate when the crowds are large, especially on Tuesdays and Saturdays," says Srikanth about the 250-year-old temple.

In the same area, Masjid e Hazrat Kambalposh in Shivajinagar has chalked out a detailed safety plan in light of their reopening. Atheeq Ahmed, administrator of the mosque, emphasised that social distancing will be followed during prayers, which will be overseen by the Imam. While the premises will be sanitised every day, individuals will have to bring their own prayer mats. "There will be no entry for those who do not take the listed precautions. While the daily congregation isn't in big numbers, Friday prayers is when we expect more people. We are working out the logistics," says Ahmed.

Wearing masks while attending mass at church will be the new norm at the St. Mary's Basilica in Shivajinagar. Fr Martin Kumar, Rector and Parish Priest, says only three individuals per bench will be allowed, no holy water will be provided during mass, and there will be zero physical contact. He asserts that the communion given must be consumed immediately and people will be requested to return home as soon as the service concludes. "Those who don't get a seat on the bench will be accommodated outside the church hall where LED screens will be installed," he says, adding that community fests to celebrate the eucharist and communion which are part of the service cannot be omitted or cut short. "We may have little setbacks in the beginning but things will fall in line gradually," he says.

Those who don't get a seat on the bench will be accommodated outside the church hall where LED screens will be installed — **Fr Martin Kumar**, Rector and Parish Priest, St. Mary's Basilica, Shivajinagar

1 Sanitisers and zero contact rituals may be the new normal at the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Temple on Commercial Street

2 A worker uses a sanitising spray gun to disinfect the premises at Masjid e Hazrat Kambalposh in Shivajinagar

3 A visitor at St. Mary's Basilica in Shivajinagar uses a foot-press sanitiser prior to entering the compound.

Pics: Shriram BN, Pandarinath B

Connecting devotees to the divine

Express Features

Devotees can now offer pujas at 52 temples in the state, including Bengaluru's Shri Someshwara Swamy Temple, Kota's Shri Amriteshwari, Hampi's Sri Viruprakasheshwara Swamy Devastana, and Mysuru's Shri Chamundeshwari Temple, through a new app.

The PurePrayer app aims to connect devotees to the divine. "Our research has shown that millennials are deep-rooted when it comes to such practices. So, we felt that giving a modern touch to centuries-old traditions is what people are looking for. At a time like this when people may be unable or hesitant to visit temples, an app wherein pujas are available at the click of a button is the need of the hour," says Arjun Ranga, Managing Director, Cycle Pure Agarbathies, that has brought out the app.

Devotees can book pujas, sevas, and specific temple rituals as per the charges prescribed by the temples. The app does not charge any convenience fee.

As social distancing norms are being put in place at places of worship, Karnataka Minister of Muzrai, Kota Srinivas Poojary, told *CE*, "While temples are being re-opened for public to offer puja and conduct daily rituals, we are not permitting fairs and events to be held. This app will help people participate in temple rituals from their homes."

CITY READ

Bangalore University appoints new registrar

Jyothi K took charge as the registrar of Bangalore University on Monday in the presence of vice-chancellor, Venugopal KR. Jyothi replaced the outgoing registrar B K Ravi who was present at her induction along with registrar (evaluation), J T Devaraju, finance officer, H B Paravathi and assistant registrar, Sunitha Katti.

ROLL CALL

GLASS IS FULL

Revisiting Archimedes' Principle, this photograph captures water displacement caused by a slice of lime in a glass of water. Shot on a Sony Alpha 7 III mirrorless camera in an indoor setup at Nagarbhavi. ● **Pic: Deepthi Manoj**

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TWEET OF THE DAY

COMMON TAILORBIRD
(ORTHOTOMUS SUTORIUS)

Found across tropical Asia

Loud and found everywhere in urban India, this is not easily seen because of its tiny size and colour of the upper body that blends perfectly with the foliage. Gets the name from the way it builds its nest.

Finds a place in Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book as Darzee.

BRIGHT SPOT

A messiah on Maha highway

Since the past two months of lockdown, vehicles passing Karanji on National Highway-7 make it a point to halt at Guru ka Langar. This is the only spot on a stretch of around 450 km where a decent meal is available — free of cost — courtesy the services of Baba Karnail Singh Khaira aka Khaira Babaji.

This tiny *langar* is linked with the historic Gurudwara Bhagod Sahib, Wai, located around 11 km away in a forested area. In 1988, this free 'langar' came up here as its branch. Khaira Baba was assigned to manage it.

From March 24 onwards, this *langar* became a saviour for thousands of stranded migrants, travellers, truckers and villagers. Khaira Baba's team of 17 *sevaks*, including 11 cooks and other helpers, made sure to feed every last person. His youngest brother Baba Gurbax Singh Khaira, settled in New Jersey, USA, has pitched in with huge donations from the local (USA) Sikh community and Pandharkawada philanthropists, to keep the Guru ka Langar fires burning during lockdown. The services include breakfast of tea with hard bread or biscuits, and all meals are plain rice with *toor dal*, *aloo-vadi* and *aloo vanga*. Weary visitors are also provided soap and borewell water for bathing.

In the last ten weeks, more than 15 lakh people were fed, plus more than five lakhs took away parcels. They also feed *chapati*-jaggery daily to more than 300 stray animals.

The Guru ka Langar has kept two donation boxes outside in which people can offer as per their desire and capacity.

On Saturday (May 30), Khaira Baba personally served 'sherbet' to all the people as part of the month-long ceremonies to mark the 414th anniversary of martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev, the Fifth Sikh Guru.

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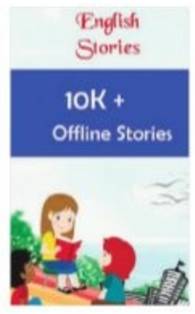

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- Cast: Mohit Raina, Mouni Roy
- Watch on: Star Plus
- Monday to Sunday at 9.30 pm

SHRIKANT
Raj Lakshmi nurses Shrikant to health when he is affected by plague. During a voyage to Burma, he meets Abhaya, who is abandoned by her husband.
- Cast: Farooq Sheikh, Irrfan Khan, Tiku Talsania, Mrinal Kulkarni
- Watch on: DD National
- Daily at: 3.30 pm

BUNIYAAD
A saga of an upper middle class Punjabi family from Lahore and its four generations spanning over 50 years from the 1920s to the 1950s with many interesting sub plots.
- Cast: Alok Nath, Anita Kanwar, Dalip Tahil
- Watch on: DD National
- Daily at: 10.30 pm

FLOP SHOW
Actor Jaspal Bhatti and his team of comedians present a satirical take on various societal issues through skits and sketches.
- Watch on: DD National
- Time: 6 pm every day

UPANISHAD GANGA
The show shares the knowledge of Upanishads explaining its meaning in the modern context through stories.
- Cast: Dwaraka Prasad
- Watch on: DD Bharati
- Daily at: 6 pm

CHANAKYA
The series is a fictionalised version of the life-history of economist, strategist and political theorist, Chanakya, who was also the royal advisor of King Chandragupta Maurya.
- Cast: Chandraprakash Dwivedi, Dinesh Shakul, Surendra Pal
- Watch on: DD National
- Daily at: 5 pm

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

ADYAKSHA
Chandru and Aishwarya are classmates and often help each other sail through difficult times. Matters, however, get tricky when they end up falling in love with each other.
- Cast: Sharan, Hebah Patel

GOOGLY
Sharath and Swati are two youngsters who fall in love but are unable to stay together due to misunderstandings. They thend rift apart, only to be brought face-to-face again after two years, when they meet at a friend's wedding.
- Cast: Yash, Kriti Kharbanda, Anant Nag

ERADANE SALA
A widow asks her son to maintain his distance from a girl who will be living with them. He tries to do so but ends up falling in love with her.
- Cast: Dhananjay, Sangeetha Bhat, Lakshmi

AVVAI SHANMUGI
Pandiyan, a divorcee with limited parental rights, tries to abduct his daughter from his ex-wife. After being convicted, he disguises himself as a nanny to spend time with her.
- Cast: Kamal Haasan, Meena, Gemini Ganesan

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WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 WHY DIETING DOESN'T USUALLY WORK BY SANDRA AAMODT
In this honest, raw talk, neuroscientist Sandra Aamodt uses her personal story to frame an important lesson about how our brains manage our bodies, as she explores the science behind why dieting not only doesn't work, but is likely to do more harm than good.

2 THE MAGIC OF FIBONACCI NUMBERS BY ARTHUR BENJAMIN
Math is logical, functional and just... awesome. Mathemagician Arthur Benjamin explores hidden properties of that weird and wonderful set of numbers, the Fibonacci series. (And reminds you that mathematics can be inspiring, too!)

3 LOOKS AREN'T EVERYTHING. BELIEVE ME, I'M A MODEL BY CAMERON RUSSELL
Cameron Russell admits she won "a genetic lottery": she's tall, pretty and an underwear model. But don't judge her by her looks. In this fearless talk, she takes a wry look at the industry that had her looking highly seductive at barely 16 years old.

4 I GREW UP IN A WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH. HERE'S WHY I LEFT BY MEGAN PHELPS-ROPER
Megan Phelps-Roper shares details of life inside America's most controversial church and describes how conversations on Twitter helped her leave it. She shares her experience, along with some ways we can learn to successfully engage across ideological lines.

5 I GOT 99 PROBLEMS...PALSY IS JUST ONE BY MAYSOON ZAYID
"I have cerebral palsy. I shake all the time," Maysoon Zayid says at the beginning of this hilarious talk. "I'm like Shakira meets Muhammad Ali." With grace and wit, the Arab-American comedian takes us on a whistle-stop tour of her adventures as an actress, stand-up comic, philanthropist and advocate for the disabled.

FIT BIT

SIMHASANA (LION POSE)

Simhasana is a strong, seated asana, which incorporates a powerful breathing technique with a forceful exhalation. This name refers to the fierce lion-like expression of the yogi's face and the roaring sound of breath made in this posture. It stimulates and engages all three bandhas. It is said that many problems are a result of anger and resentment held inside, and simhasana releases that energy.

STEPS
- Sit in Vajrasana (thunderbolt pose).
- Keep your knees apart, as much as possible. Sit comfortably.
- The toes of both the feet must be touching each other just as in Vajrasana.
- Move the body slightly forward. Place your palms on the floor right between the knees.
- Turn the wrists outward so that the fingers point towards the body. Keep the arms straight.
- Slightly arch the back, partially shifting the weight of body on the wrists. Move the head backward comfortably.
- Close eyes and relax the body in this position for a while to feel comfortable.
- Now open eyes and focus gaze on the eyebrow centre. Inhale deeply and slowly.
- Open your mouth and draw the tongue outwards, towards the chin as far as you can.
- As you exhale from your mouth, produce a sound of 'aahh' from the throat.
- Close your mouth after exhalation and inhale normally. Relax the body in final position.
- May repeat this process three to five times. One may also move the tongue from side to side while making the 'aahh' sound.

BENEFITS
- Retains the good health of ears, nose, throat and eyes. Practising it in front of rising sun makes it more beneficial.
- Effectively reduces emotional stress and frustration.
- Useful for people who are shy, often nervous, or introvert in nature.
- Exercises the face and neck muscles keeping the skin tight.
- Beneficial for those who stutter.
- Develops a deep and clear voice.
- Removes tension from the chest.
- Useful for those having halitosis.

LIMITATIONS
- People with weak wrists should practise this pose in Vajrasana posture. Don't put the hands on the floor.
- If you have any kind of injury, sit on a chair and practise the pose. You can also perform the pose in different sitting asanas like Padmasana.
- Don't practise this asana, if you suffer from any chronic illnesses or physical problems.

— By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

ODEYA (Kannada)
Gajendra owns a transport company and also takes care of local residents, citizens and the poor with utmost care and affection. He and his four brothers lead a happy life helping the needy and protecting them from anti-social elements.
- Streaming on: Amazon Prime
- Starring: Darshan, Sanah Thimmayyah, Yashas Surya

PREMAM (Malayalam)
While George's first love turns out to be a disappointment, Malar, a college lecturer, rekindles his love interest. His romantic journey takes him through several stages, helping him find his purpose.
- Cast: Nivin Pauly, Sai Pallavi, Madonna Sebastian
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

PONMAGAL VANDHAL (Tamil)
A resident of Ooty, 'Petition' Pethuraj reopens a case from 2004 that involved a serial killer 'Psycho Jyoti' who was convicted for the kidnapping and murder of multiple children.
- Cast: Jyothika, K Bhagyaraj, R Parthiepan
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

GAME OVER (Tamil)
Swapna, a game designer, has post-traumatic stress disorder and a chronic fear of the dark. Her life turns upside down after a serial killer enters her house and creates havoc.
- Cast: Taapsee Pannu, Vinodhini
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

JAWAANI HAI DEEWANI (Hindi)
Kabir, a guy who wants to make it big in the travel industry, meets Naina during a trekking trip. She falls for him but refrains from expressing it. Years later they meet at a friend's wedding.
- Cast: Ranbir Kapoor, Deepika Padukone, Aditya Roy Kapur, Kalki Koechlin
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

SANJEEVANI (Telugu)
A group of people set out to find a mystical plant that can bring people back to life. However, once they reach the place, they are hunted by strange creatures and must escape before they are killed.
Cast: Sweta a Varma, Anurag Dev
Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
Registration: ₹ 399 per year

BADHAAI HO (Hindi)
Nakul, a 25-year-old man, is shocked to discover that his mother is pregnant. His struggle to come to terms with the news puts his relationship with his girlfriend, Renee, in jeopardy.
- Cast: Ayushmann Khurrana, Neena Gupta, Gajraj Rao, Sanya Malhotra
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

DOCTOR SLEEP
Struggling with alcoholism, Dan Torrance remains traumatised by the sinister events that occurred at the Overlook Hotel when he was a child. His hope for a peaceful existence soon becomes shattered when he meets Abra, a teen who shares his extrasensory gift of the "shine". Together, they form an unlikely alliance to battle the True Knot, a cult whose members try to feed off the shine of innocents to become immortal.
- Cast: Rebecca Ferguson, Ewan McGregor, Jacob Tremblay
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

SERGIO
United Nations diplomat Sérgio Vieira de Mello must fight for his life when a bomb blast in Baghdad, Iraq, cause the walls to come crashing down.
- Cast: Wagner Moura, Ana de Armas, Garret Dillahunt
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

ROMA (Spanish)
Cleo is one of two domestic workers who help Antonio and Sofia take care of their four children in 1970s Mexico City. Complications soon arise when Antonio suddenly runs away with his mistress and Cleo finds out that she's pregnant. When Sofia decides to take the kids on vacation, she invites Cleo for a much-needed getaway to clear her mind and bond with the family.
- Cast: Yalitza Aparicio, Marina de Tavira
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

THE LODGE
During a family retreat to a remote winter cabin over the holidays, the father is forced to abruptly depart for work, leaving his two children in the care of his new girlfriend, Grace. Isolated and alone, a blizzard traps them inside the lodge as terrifying events summon specters from Grace's dark past.
- Cast: Riley Keough, Jaeden Martell, Lia McHugh
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

QUICK FIX

MEETHI ROTI

INGREDIENTS
- **Whole wheat flour (Atta):** 1.5 cup
- **Ghee:** 60 g, melted and cooled
- **Sugar:** 120 g
- **Milk:** 120 ml
- **Baking soda:** 1.5 tsp
- **Salt:** 1 tsp
- Ghee for pan-frying rotis

METHOD
- Dissolve the sugar in half the milk over low heat and then let it cool.
- Mix soda and salt into the atta. Mix the ghee into the atta and knead using milk till it forms a firm dough. Add more milk if required.
- Roll it into 1/4 inch thick round shape and prick with knife.
- Cook over low heat, smearing ghee on top and around the roti. Serve hot.

— by Sreelatha Sumathy, Thiruvananthapuram

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

VIRUS IN, FEAR OUT: IT'S TIME TO RECLAIM FREEDOM

OPEN SPACE
Gulnar Mirza
Associate Editor

Two months into the lockdown, and ennui was setting in. We had lived out our fantasies – gourmet cooking, granny recipes, celeb dieting, gardening, virtual concerts, sleeping, eating, more sleeping, reading, some more sleeping – and no doubt, were a very healthy bunch of humans, ready to take on any virus. Kids had driven parents up the wall, spouses were ever ready for battle, and the entire 'cosy together at home' idea was beginning to pall. We were yearning for the old normal.

Around this time, a friend on FB did a dipstick poll, asking what we missed most during the lockdown. It elicited the simplest of replies: meeting friends, chatting, shopping, travelling, eating out, pubbing, malling... the small joys of ordinary folk. People missed people. While the lockdown took its toll on everyone, there have been stories of how those living alone were more troubled; time seemed to crawl by, and the strange silence seemed especially jarring. The virtual world became their reality, more than ever before.

Deprived of their divertissements, the very folk are raring to crawl out of the woodwork again. Unlock 1.0 is upon us, and the excitement is palpable. Social media groups are buzzing with meeting plans: when, where, with whom...? No doubt, weekends will soon come alive with reunions, get-togethers, parties, as frenzied rounds of socialising begin. What was illicit activity some weeks ago is licit again.

Everyone's ready to get on with the locking dance, to go out and reclaim life, pushing fear aside. Now that we have welcomed the coronavirus, opening our arms wider with each phase of lockdown – like we would for a beloved expat on a Vande Bharat flight – we have more or less reconciled ourselves to the fact that it's here to stay. So no point locking the stable door – the virus is in, and fear is out. Almost.

We are ready to put the lockdown behind us – it seems to have achieved little other than having chewed into jobs, salaries and savings – much like those rogue locusts. We have dared to gingerly step into parlours and stores, masked and sanitised, and are willing to explore wider horizons.

The popular question now doing the rounds is: Since you are free again, what will you do?

What I would love to do is take a train ride. The simple childlike joy of sitting at a window and watching the world hurtle by, stopping at crowded, dirty, noisy stations is inexpressible... there's something alive and dynamic about a train journey. I vividly remember a scene at New Delhi Railway Station: A train heading towards Haryana was on the platform, and an eye-popping number of people were trying to cram themselves in. One group was obviously shifting house, and had brought household appliances along. I remember seeing a TV set and mixer vanishing into the innards of the compartment, and kids being pushed in through windows... that was the Railways of a bygone era. And this is the Covidian era.

ILLUSTRATION: TAPAS RANJAN

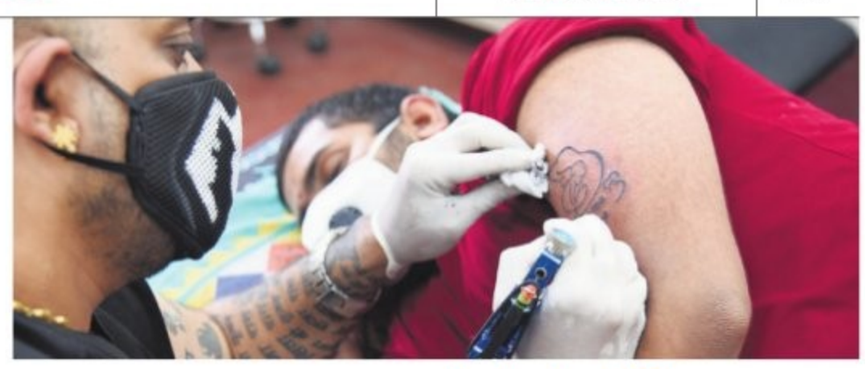
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Breaking the chain, the virus donning a mask... Designs inspired by the COVID-19 pandemic are picking up as the latest trend among tattoo enthusiasts in the city

● Simran Ahuja

Memes, graffiti, paintings, comics... COVID-19 has played muse to all sorts of art forms. It was only a matter of time before the outbreak inspired a wave of tattoos and body art. Take, for instance, Kaushik Thangathurai, an avid trekker who was all geared up to get his love for travel tattooed on himself. But the two-month-long lockdown gave him added perspective for his first tattoo. Come Wednesday, the city-based software professional will head to Machu Tattoo Studio to pay ode to these unprecedented times by getting inked with a COVID-inspired design.

While the final sketch is still a work in progress, Thangathurai wants the idea to portray the virus with a masked face. "I wanted something that shows the extent to which coronavirus has been unleashed on our bodies as well as our minds," says the 29-year-old, who was also inspired by a small act of kindness amid the initial days of the outbreak. "I could not find a mask anywhere. One pharmacist, however, gave me the mask he had kept aside for himself," adds Thangathurai as he talks about how the item is an essential part of the "new normal." He isn't the only one being inspired by the pandemic. Girish, the owner of Brahma Tattoo Studio, recalls how one of his recent clients – a software professional in his mid-twenties – came in with a similar idea. The 3-4 inch design showed a broken chain with the text: 'Break the chain stay safe'. "He said the whole scenario was something people hadn't witnessed before," says Girish. While Skindeep Tattoo Studio's Akil Anand feels it is too early to call it a trend, he does anticipate people to opt for inking experiences faced during the lockdown in the coming months. "It's been an intense period so maybe one might lock in on a design that captures what they went through," he says.



Tattoo parlours have slowly started to limp back towards normalcy. Anyway known for their hygiene and sterilisation practices, artists are now doubling down on the safety measures taken by them. For example, Skindeep is now asking those accompanying the client to wait outdoors, while also using a UVC sterilisation bulb in the evening. At Brahma studio, customers have to use W95 or N95 masks. "We also ask them to get the Aarogya Setu app and have them wait for 30 minutes before we do a temperature scan," says Girish. Machu studio founder Suresh Machu says design consultations are mainly happening online and intensive sanitisation takes place when a client (appointments only) come in. "We use aluminium foil to cover our workstation and cling wrap to cover the arm rest, skin markers and the customer's cell phone," he says.

For tattoo "addicts" like Ashwin Sasidharan who has two tattoos, including a full sleeve, wearing a mask does cause discomfort but the excitement involved has kept him going. Having waited since March, the marketing professional was one of the first few customers Skindeep saw post reopening. "I had to wait for the tattoo to heal before I could add the missing elements. I'm glad I finally got to finish the sleeve tattoo," he says.

Designs inspired by corona

- Earth with a mask
- Coronavirus with toilet paper
- Sanitiser showers
- A quote about how one saved the world by sitting at home

— **Suresh Machu**, tattoo artist

Brahma Tattoo Studio owner Girish (above) at work (top); a coronavirus tattoo sketch by Suresh Machu (left) ● Nagaraja Gadekal

Ishita Seth

Of design & dedication

● Express Features

The ongoing pandemic has seen many youngsters step up and take charge to help those in need. While some decided to make masks for healthcare workers, others made food packets for daily wage earners. In a bid to ease the humanitarian crisis, a group of 16 young professionals from different cities and creative fields, like graphic design, product design, brand strategy, content and copywriting, research, etc got together to conduct online workshops to raise relief funds. Over the course of 12 workshops, on topics like brand strategy, design history, typography and consumer behaviour, they raised ₹90,000.

"We gave the participants the autonomy to donate to a cause of their choice. To register for the workshop, they had to send us a receipt of the same," shares Anshuman Gupta, a 24-year-old Mumbai-based product designer. The team provided participants with links to campaigns hosted by online donation platform Donatekart. "Top causes that people chose to donate towards included animal welfare and necessities for migrant workers," shares Ishita Seth, a Bengaluru-based research and communication strategist. Seth and Gupta, along with Aditya Damle, Anisa Shaikh, Adarsh Sahgal and Nikhil Pillai together form the collective DAM Design, which spearheaded the 'Design Cluster' initiative. "At this time, the COVID situation seemed to be getting worse, and there was a sense of helplessness since we couldn't contribute to the situation like our frontline workers. The idea to do the same as funding for relief struck a chord with our team," says Damle.

Anshuman Gupta (left), Adarsh Sahgal

"The top causes that workshop participants chose to donate towards included animal welfare and providing essential commodities for migrant workers

—**Ishita Seth,** Communication strategist

While response was initially low, the workshops finally garnered more than 150 participants. "Initially, we weren't sure if we would get many takers when we expanded the scope of our workshops beyond core design topics. However, these fears were soon put to rest," shares Pillai, who adds that the most popular workshops were the ones on character design, content strategy and rural marketing. Overwhelmed by the response they received, Shaikh says, "It was heartwarming to realise how many people were willing to share and gather knowledge whilst genuinely wanting to make a difference in this time of crisis."

CITY READ

New Chief Postmaster General takes charge

Sharda Sampath assumed office as the new Chief Postmaster General of Karnataka on May 28. Before Sampath took over the post from Dr Charles Lobo, she was working as Chief Postmaster General, Thiruvananthapuram. Lobo is joining Postal Services Board, as a member of operations.

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

Back to business

With a lot of trepidation and a smattering of hope, much of India is getting back to business as usual. We have had 75 days and more of being locked down.

This lockdown period and all the physical distancing has been reminiscent of timeouts given to kids who are exhibiting really angry behaviour, to the point of kicking and screaming. Weary adults give timeouts to kids at such times, getting each kid into a corner, facing the wall with little to no sensory cues. The timeouts are supposed to be periods of self-reflection and quiet times, the kid is supposed to think about their own behaviour and hopefully feel some remorse at their bad actions, want to be more positive and try something new. The timeout and the sensory deprivation during the time is expected to get the kid to feel grateful for what they have and understand how easily it can be taken away from them, and so to behave better. The adults can and will take away their privileges at short notice and the threat is often enough to get them in line.

Once in a while though, the timeouts do not have much of an effect, especially if the kids are all ganged up into their respective factions. That just makes them nurse their grievances, lick their wounds and they get even more unruly, fight even worse, sometimes disregarding the timeouts altogether. It is hell then for the adults to get some control back, and often they need to resort to active detention and punishment.

For adults in loving relationships too, this idea of a timeout during conflicts is an important de-escalation strategy. When a conflict is building up within a relationship, and it is coming to a boiling point, being able to take time off from each other and everything else, and giving oneself time to reflect quietly and take stock often helps the couple let go of their anger, connect to each other's points of view and what each needs, and work through their problems more effectively. If during these timeouts, instead of spending time in self-reflection and self-soothing, if we are in our own little camps, our anger gets coddled into something even more monstrous, and we come out raging and baying for blood. It is then no-holds barred fighting and all bets are off.

Currently, it seems like we were all sent out on timeouts of sorts when the initial exhortations to wash our hands, self-report and self-quarantine did not work. With so many of us scrupulously following the guidelines, the timeouts have helped but we have also been watching the curve rise inexorably, and now we have our hearts in our mouths as things get unlocked. Are we going to have massive outbreaks? Have we learned our lessons and will we voluntarily keep distances and spare ourselves the trouble? Or will we lose it? Will we need the authorities to come down on us harder than ever?

(The writer is a counsellor with InnerSight)

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Ready to start shooting for *Love Mocktail 2*, says Krishna

The director-actor of the romantic drama is currently penning the dialogues for the sequel, which will feature a new heroine

Krishna

CE Features

After the positive result that Krishna received with his directorial debut, *Love Mocktail,* he is now looking to take forward his success with a sequel. The director-actor, who wants to continue the on-screen romantic journey, is all geared up to start shooting for *Love Mocktail 2.* Krishna, who has worked out the story for the sequel, is now busy penning the film's dialogues. "I am ready to start the shooting for *Love Mocktail 2,*" says Krishna, who is just waiting for the lockdown to ease and the required permission to be granted to begin the project. "I will be starting with the crucial portions, which require me to wear a new get-up, " he says.

Love Mocktail featured Milana Nagaraj and Amrutha Iyengar as female leads. Krishna has retained certain characters, like Vijay played by Abhilash, Sushma played by Kushi Achar and Adi, which was portrayed by himself. However, he wants to keep the rest of the roles under suspense. "*Love Mocktail* sequel will feature a new heroine, and the hunt is on," he says. The first part was jointly produced by Krishna and Milana Nagaraj, and the duo will be bankrolling the sequel too. It will have music composed by Raghu Dixit, and cinematography and editing by Sri CrazyMindz.

Krishna will also simultaneously shoot for Nagashekar's directorial, *Srikrishna@gmail.com*. The film, produced by Sandesh Nagaraj, has Jassie Gift's music while cinematography is by Satya Hegde.

Krishna to be part of another romantic drama directed by Deepak Urs

Looks like Krishna is set with his projects for 2020. While he already has *Love Mocktail* sequel and *Srikrishna@gmail.com* in hand, he has got another project in his kitty. Amulya's brother Deepak Urs, who made his directorial debut with *Manasology,* will be helming his second project starring Krishna. "This will be yet another romantic drama for me," says Krishna, who is giving preference to romcoms, since he thinks it's a subject that viewers enjoy watching. "The story is ready and currently director Chethan Kumar is writing the dialogues for the film. I will start shooting for this film only by November or December," he says.

RAJA VEERA MADAKARI NAYAKA SHOOT TO RESUME IN AUG: ROCKLINE VENKATESH

The team of the Darshan-starrer historical drama will be heading to the sets in a couple of months, but with strict guidelines, says the producer

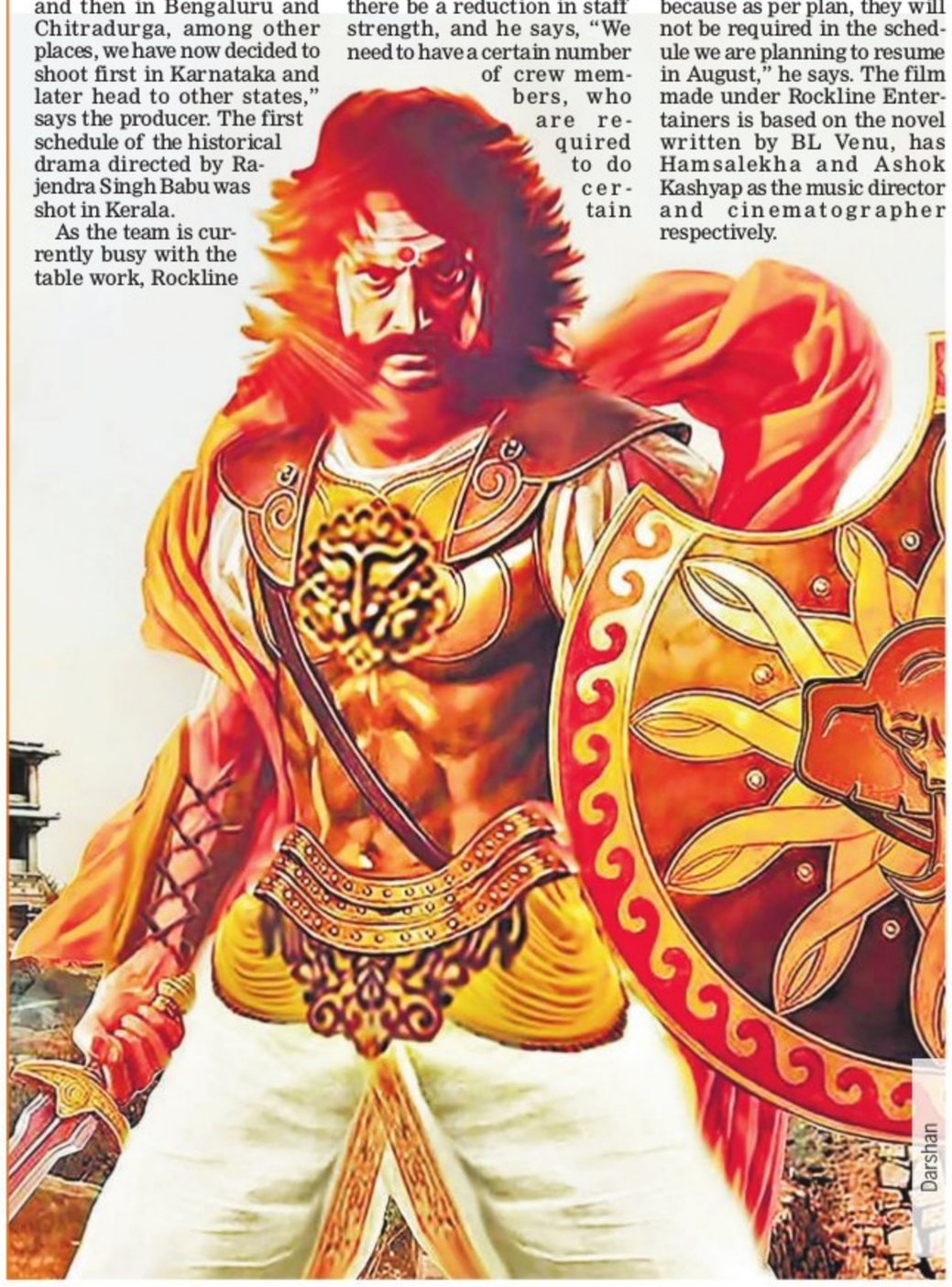
A Sharadhaa

Shooting for Darshan-starrer *Raja Veera Madakari Nayaka* will resume in August. Confirming the development, producer Rockline Venkatesh told CE that preparations are going on currently, as he waits for the curbs to be lifted on the entertainment sector post lockdown. "There is a change of schedule from the initial plan. Instead of the earlier plan of shooting in parts of Rajasthan and then in Bengaluru and Chitradurga, among other places, we have now decided to shoot first in Karnataka and later head to other states," says the producer. The first schedule of the historical drama directed by Rajendra Singh Babu was shot in Kerala.

As the team is currently busy with the table work, Rockline has worked out new guidelines, which they will adhere to on the sets. "First and foremost, I will be setting up a disinfection tunnel, and everyone will have to enter and exit through this. We are also be going with the norms of wearing masks, using sanitisers, and maintaining social distancing," he says, adding, "Along with this, we will also follow the guidelines given by the health department."

The film, made with a huge budget, will require a huge star cast, and the crew to be present in high numbers. Ask Rockline Venkatesh whether there be a reduction in staff strength, and he says, "We need to have a certain number of crew members, who are required to do certain jobs, and I can't prevent it. However, unlike before, we will make sure the place is not crowded. We will reduce the number of people entering the sets. The team will have a detailed discussion on the number of junior artistes or fighters required, and only those will be given entry on the days they have their respective scenes."

Apart from the lead hero Darshan, and senior actor Sumalatha playing a pivotal role, the production house is yet to finalise on the rest of the cast. "A few actors including the heroine will be finalised later, because as per plan, they will not be required in the schedule we are planning to resume in August," he says. The film made under Rockline Entertainers is based on the novel written by BL Venu, has Hamsalekha and Ashok Kashyap as the music director and cinematographer respectively.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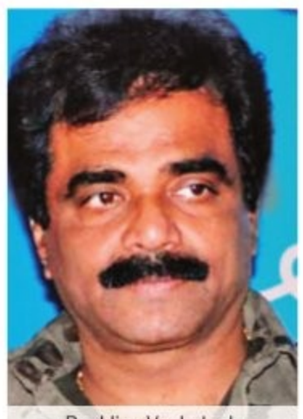
Rockline Venkatesh

NEW AGE STRUGGLES

We now don't have anybody like Dr. Rajkumar and Ambareesh in the film industry to look up to during crisis: Rockline Venkatesh

The cinema industry is waiting for the government's permission about opening theatres and resuming shooting. While the Telugu film industry, under the guidance of senior actor like Chiranjeevi, had a few top artistes, directors and producers taking the initiative and intervening in the problems faced by their peers in Tollywood, the Kannada film industry is not so lucky any more. We have lost our people, who would come to our rescue. We had Dr. Rajkumar, who would sort the issues, and even Parvathamma Rajkumar, who would take initiatives as a producer. Later we would look up to Ambareesh, who would sit, discuss, execute, and make sure the problem is solved as early as possible. He would be the point of contact for all the industry problems. But at present, we don't have anybody to fill that space. We now understand the value of these people, who stood behind the film industry. Without them, this industry wouldn't have come this far. However, at present, Sandalwood doesn't have anybody to go to during crisis.

Sunil Grover 'cooks up' a cigarette in new anti-smoking video

CE Features

Actor-comedian Sunil Grover has appeared in a new anti-smoking video where he demonstrates how to cook up a cigarette. In the mockumentary-style video, Sunil, dressed as a chef, highlights the several harmful chemicals and ingredients that go into making a cigarette. The video was created in collaboration with Indian Cancer Society and Voot Studio and released on occasion of World No Tobacco Day (May 31).

"I felt this is a great campaign," Sunil shares. "In less than a minute, it's communicating so much with such simplicity and effectiveness. I'm sure it will have a positive impact on people". The video was self-shot by Sunil at his home. The actor had online technical assistance in regards to framing and script.

Sharing his message for nicotine dependents, Sunil says, "You will see the video and realise what sort of chemicals are used in cigarettes and tobacco products. People think (smoking) is cool but it's really not. So try and stay away from it and let's lead to a healthy and cancer-free society."

Bollywood composer Wajid Khan of Sajid-Wajid duo passes away

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Bollywood composer Wajid Khan of the Sajid-Wajid duo passed away in the early hours of Monday in Mumbai. He was 42. Wajid was hospitalized a few days ago due to a kidney infection. He was admitted to the Surana Hospital in Chembur.

Sajid-Wajid started their composing career with Pyaar Kiya Toh Darna Kya (1998). The film would start a long association with Salman Khan over multiple projects, including Hello Brother, Tumko Na Bhool Paayenge, Tere Naam, Mujhse Shaadi Karogi, Dabangg, Dabangg 3 and others. Their other notable albums include Kya Yehi Pyaar Hai, Sharart, Chori Chori, Rowdy Rathore, Main Tera Hero, Daawat-e-Ishq amongst others. Wajid had also voiced popular songs like Do You Wanna Partner, Mera Hi Jalwa, Chinta Tha Chita Chita and more.

Wajid Khan

Sajid-Wajid were mentors on the reality shows Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Singing Superstar and Sa Re Ga Ma Pa 2012. They had also composed the IPL 4 theme song and the title tracks for Bigg Boss 4 and 6. Most recently, the duo collaborated with Salman on the songs Pyaar Karona and Bhai Bhai during the lockdown.

Taapsee or Rakul Preet, who will play Karnam Malleswari?

CE Features

A day after the official announcement on the biopic of Olympic medal winner Karnam Malleswari, a well-placed source from the production team has informed Cinema Express that the makers are considering either Taapsee Pannu or Rakul Preet Singh to portray the iconic weightlifter's role. Although the makers are yet to initiate talks with both these actors, it has been learnt that they are planning to sign one of them soon.

"Looking at the recent lineup of sports dramas Taapsee Pannu has been associated with, she appears to be the natural choice to reprise Malleswari's role. The makers are also looking at approaching Rakul Preet Singh, who is always open to taking up fitness-based roles," says a source.

Born in Srikakulam district's Voosavanipeta, Malleswari is the first and only Indian woman weightlifter to win an Olympic medal. The trilingual, which is planned to be shot simultaneously in Telugu, Tamil and Hindi, will go on floors in the first half of 2021.

Sanjana Reddy of Raju Gadu-fame will direct the film to be produced by Kona Venkat in association with MVV Satyanarayana.

Rakul Preet Singh | Taapsee Pannu

James Cameron and crew reach New Zealand to resume shooting

CE Features

The crew of Avatar sequels, including filmmaker James Cameron and 50 others, have reached New Zealand to resume film shooting.

The 54-member unit arrived at Wellington on Sunday by a chartered plane. According to a report in Variety, the team will have to self-isolate before resuming shoot.

Cameron said, "I want to get back to work on 'Avatar', which right now we're not allowed to do under state emergency laws or rules. So it's all on hold right now."

Producer Jon Landau posted photos on Instagram and shared that the crew would self-isolate for 14 days as per New Zealand government's guidelines.

A still from the film

The work on Avatar sequels in New Zealand came to a grinding halt in March due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Ever since the makers have been eager to resume production. On May 22, Landau shared that, "Our Avatar sets are ready — and we couldn't be more excited to be headed back to New Zealand next week."

The four sequels of Avatar were scheduled for release on December 17 2021, December 2023, December 2025, and December 2027, respectively. With the recent delay due to the lockdown, it is unclear if these dates will be pushed.